

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023**

**THIRD ORGANIZATIONAL DAY**

The House met at 9:00 a.m. and was called to order by Mr. Speaker Sexton.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Pastor Clay Stauffer, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, TN.

Representative Hemmer led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call was taken with the following results:

Present..... 95

Representatives present were Alexander, Barrett, Baum, Beck, Boyd, Bricken, Bulso, Burkhart, Butler, Campbell S, Camper, Capley, Carr, Carringer, Cepicky, Chism, Clemmons, Cochran, Crawford, Darby, Davis, Doggett, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Freeman, Fritts, Garrett, Gillespie, Glynn, Grills, Hakeem, Hale, Hardaway, Harris, Haston, Hawk, Hazlewood, Helton-Haynes, Hemmer, Hicks G, Hicks T, Holsclaw, Howell, Hulsey, Hurt, Jernigan, Johnson C, Johnson G, Jones, Keisling, Kumar, Lafferty, Lamberth, Leatherwood, Littleton, Love, Lynn, Marsh, Martin B, Martin G, McCalmon, McKenzie, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Moon, Parkinson, Powell, Powers, Ragan, Raper, Reedy, Richey, Rudd, Rudder, Russell, Shaw, Sherrell, Slater, Sparks, Stevens, Terry, Thompson, Todd, Towns, Travis, Vaughan, Vital, Warner, White, Whitson, Wright, Zachary, Mr. Speaker Sexton -- 95

**EXCUSED**

The Speaker announced that the following members have been excused, pursuant to requests under **Rule No. 20**:

Representative Gant; illness

Representative Williams; personal

**PRESENT IN CHAMBER**

Rep. Dixie was recorded as being present in the Chamber.

**SPONSORS ADDED**

Under **Rule No. 43**, the following members were permitted to add their names as sponsors as indicated below, the prime sponsor of each having agreed to such addition:

**House Joint Resolution No. 36** Rep. Clemmons as prime sponsor.

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**House Joint Resolution No. 39** Rep. Todd as prime sponsor.

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

On motion, pursuant to **Rule No. 17**, the following resolutions listed were introduced and held on the desk pending the appointment of the appropriate Committee:

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 27** -- General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position - Expresses strong support for completion of the southern border wall and urges Congress to immediately take action to fund the construction. by \*Stevens.

Held On Desk

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 35** -- Constitutional Amendments - Proposes amendment to establish a term limit of 16 years for all state and local public officials. by \*Richey.

Held On Desk

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 38** -- Constitutional Amendments - Proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 26 of the Constitution of Tennessee to remove the provision that authorizes the legislature to regulate the wearing of arms with a view to prevent crime and to clarify that citizens have a right to keep and bear arms for their defense, and not just for common defense. by \*Reedy.

Held On Desk

**RESOLUTIONS**

Pursuant to **Rule No. 17**, the following resolution was introduced and placed on the Consent Calendar for January 20, 2023:

**House Resolution No. 1** -- Memorials, Recognition - Eureka Lodge #3 and Eureka Chapter #241, Inaugural Master and Matron Banquet. by \*Camper.

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS  
(Congratulatory and Memorializing)**

Pursuant to **Rule No. 17**, the resolutions listed were noted as being placed on the Consent Calendar for January 20, 2023:

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 1** -- Memorials, Death - Loretta Lynn. by \*Roberts.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 3** -- Memorials, Death - Brother Donald Owens. by \*Pody.

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**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 12** -- Memorials, Recognition - Chris Jones, Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce 2022 Business Person of the Year. by \*White.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 13** -- Memorials, Recognition - Terry Schneider, Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce 2022 Leadership Rutherford Pinnacle Award. by \*White.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 14** -- Memorials, Recognition - Terry Haynes, Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce 2022 Business Legend of the Year. by \*White.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 15** -- Memorials, Sports - Signal Mountain Middle/High School boys' cross country team, 2022 TSSAA Class A-AA state champions. by \*Watson.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 16** -- Memorials, Sports - Signal Mountain Middle/High School girls' cross country team, 2022 TSSAA Class A-AA state champions. by \*Watson.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 17** -- Memorials, Retirement - Jim Hoobler. by \*Watson.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 18** -- Memorials, Retirement - Dan E. Pomeroy. by \*Watson.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 19** -- Memorials, Sports - Baylor School football team, TSSAA Division II, Class AAA State Champions. by \*Watson.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 20** -- Memorials, Sports - Baylor School softball team, TSSAA Division II, Class AA state champions. by \*Watson.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 21** -- Memorials, Recognition - University of Tennessee College of Health Professions, 50th anniversary. by \*Watson.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 22** -- Memorials, Recognition - Tennessee Credit Unions, 100 years. by \*Watson.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 23** -- Memorials, Recognition - Plum Nelly, 50th anniversary. by \*Watson.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 24** -- Memorials, Retirement - William "Bill" Mitchell. by \*Watson.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

On motion, the following bills were introduced and passed first consideration:

**\*House Bill No. 92** -- Traffic Safety - As introduced, requires drivers to change lanes or reduce speed upon approaching a stationary vehicle that has flashing hazard lights activated; increases fines for failing to change lanes or reduce speed upon approaching a stationary emergency, recovery, highway maintenance, solid waste, utility service, or other vehicle that has flashing lights activated. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 8. by \*Gillespie.

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**\*House Bill No. 93** -- Local Education Agencies - As introduced, changes, from the department of education to the student's LEA, the entity responsible for determining whether a third or fourth grade student who previously tested not proficient in English language arts has shown adequate growth on an assessment administered to the student for purposes of promotion. - Amends TCA Title 49. by \*Hawk.

**\*House Bill No. 94** -- Juvenile Offenders - As introduced, establishes a pilot program that would authorize a juvenile court to retain jurisdiction over a juvenile offender until their twenty-fifth birthday if best suited for the offender's treatment, rehabilitation, and welfare. - Amends TCA Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1. by \*Hardaway.

**\*House Bill No. 95** -- Criminal Offenses - As introduced, creates a Class C felony of reckless endangerment that involves community terrorism; authorizes a court to revoke or prohibit the issuance of a driver license to individuals convicted of such offenses for a five-year period. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 40, Chapter 35. by \*Hardaway.

**\*House Bill No. 96** -- Witnesses - As introduced, creates the Tennessee witness protection and relocation program, to be administered by the office of criminal justice programs, for the purpose of creating intrastate and interstate compacts to coordinate witness protection, relocation, and assistance services within the state and with contiguous states for the benefit of witnesses in criminal proceedings. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 41. by \*Hardaway.

**\*House Bill No. 97** -- Real Property - As introduced, establishes a property fraud alert program to be administered by each county register of deeds if the local government appropriates funds for the program; increases the penalty for unlawfully drawing property transfer documents without interest in the property from a Class E felony to a Class D felony. - Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 13; Title 35; Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 45; Title 47; Title 66 and Section 67-4-409. by \*Hardaway.

**\*House Bill No. 98** -- Local Education Agencies - As introduced, enacts the "Rep. Barbara Ward Cooper Act;" requires LEAs to include in the course of instruction for students in kindergarten through grade 12 curricula designed to educate students in conflict resolution. - Amends TCA Title 49. by \*Hardaway, \*Camper, \*Towns, \*Miller, \*Love, \*Thompson, \*Mitchell, \*Freeman, \*Chism, \*McKenzie, \*Glynn, \*Hakeem, \*Beck, \*Dixie, \*White, \*Shaw, \*Clemmons, \*Powell, \*Johnson G.

**\*House Bill No. 99** -- County Government - As introduced, authorizes members of a county records commission who do not receive a fixed annual salary from the state or the county to receive an increased per diem rate of up to \$150 for each day of actual meeting instead of the current rate of \$25. - Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 4. by \*Stevens.

**\*House Bill No. 100** -- Taxes, Litigation - As introduced, exempts adoption proceedings in chancery, circuit, or juvenile court from the litigation tax. - Amends TCA Title 36, Chapter 1 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 6. by \*Stevens.

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**\*House Bill No. 101** -- Abortion - As introduced, excludes from the offense of criminal abortion an abortion performed to prevent the death of the pregnant woman or to prevent serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman or on a patient whose pregnancy is the result of rape or incest; permits a law enforcement officer to confirm to a physician that the pregnant woman has filed a report of alleged rape or incest. - Amends TCA Title 38; Title 39; Title 63 and Title 68. by \*Glynn.

**\*House Bill No. 102** -- Local Education Agencies - As introduced, requires the principal of a public school in the bottom 20 percent of schools based on an evaluation of all schools' performance data to develop a written proposal each school year for the principal's school that identifies the resources the school needs to provide students an adequate and equitable education; that identifies areas of improvement for the school; and that provides data to evidence each of the needs identified in the proposal; encourages principals of public schools that are not in the bottom 20 percent of schools to do the same. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 3. by \*Parkinson.

**House Bill No. 103** -- Barbers and/or Cosmetologists - As introduced, creates an eyelash specialist license; authorizes the establishment of eyelash services shops in accordance with requirements for other licensed shops; authorizes schools to offer courses of instruction that consist of 50 percent of the hours needed for an eyelash specialist license to be obtained from apprenticeship; requires certain rule promulgation by the board of cosmetology and barber examiners. - Amends TCA Title 62, Chapter 3; Title 62, Chapter 4 and Title 62, Chapter 76. by \*Parkinson.

**House Bill No. 104** -- Tennessee Bureau of Investigation - As introduced, requires the bureau to perform forensic analysis of sexual assault evidence collection kits within 30 days of the bureau's receipt of the sexual assault evidence collection kit from a law enforcement agency; requires the bureau to submit a plan for eliminating any existing backlog of sexual assault evidence collection kits waiting for analysis; requires the bureau to expunge a DNA record from a local, state, or national DNA database under certain circumstances. - Amends TCA Title 38, Chapter 6 and Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5. by \*Parkinson.

**\*House Bill No. 105** -- Landlord and Tenant - As introduced, increases from \$10 to \$250 per year the limit on the fee that an agency or department of local government that is responsible for enforcing building codes in the jurisdiction where the landlord's dwelling units are located may charge the landlord for registering with the agency or government; increases from \$50 to \$100 per week the fine that a landlord who fails to register is to be assessed. - Amends TCA Title 66, Chapter 28. by \*Thompson.

**\*House Bill No. 106** -- Consumer Protection - As introduced, limits the number of times that a developer, business entity, or individual working on behalf of the developer or business entity is permitted to contact a property owner to make an unsolicited offer to buy the property owner's property; allows a property owner who believes a developer has violated the limitation to submit a complaint to the consumer affairs division in the office of the attorney general; adds

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additional requirements and penalties for a violation. - Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 33, Part 2; Title 47 and Title 66. by \*Thompson.

**\*House Bill No. 107** -- Local Education Agencies - As introduced, requires an LEA or public charter school to adopt and implement a retention policy for third grade students who are not proficient in English language arts (ELA), rather than requiring the LEA to retain a third grade student who does not achieve a certain performance level rating on the ELA portion of the student's most recent Tennessee comprehensive assessment program test; establishes parental notice requirements for LEAs and public charter schools that recommend a third grade student for retention; removes the authority of the state board of education to establish an appeal process for certain students identified for retention. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6. by \*Travis.

**\*House Bill No. 108** -- Tobacco, Tobacco Products - As introduced, deletes requirement that the commissioner of revenue share information pertaining to the enforcement of the Tennessee Tobacco Manufacturers' Escrow Fund Act of 1999 with the attorney general and reporter. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 39; Title 43; Title 47; Title 49; Title 62; Title 63; Title 67 and Title 68. by \*Campbell S.

**\*House Bill No. 109** -- Health Care - As introduced, increases the number of days a healthcare provider has to furnish a patient's medical records to a patient from 10 to 20 working days from the date of the patient's request. - Amends TCA Title 63 and Title 68. by \*Helton-Haynes.

**\*House Bill No. 110** -- Gaming - As introduced, clarifies that a provision of law voiding wagering contracts does not apply to a transaction to make a wager under the Tennessee Sports Gaming Act. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 29; Title 38; Title 39; Title 47; Title 49 and Title 67. by \*Vaughan.

**\*House Bill No. 111** -- Solid Waste Disposal - As introduced, makes unpaid solid waste disposal fees subject to the same penalty and interest as delinquent property taxes if not paid within 30 days after notice of such fee is mailed in any county where such fee is imposed instead of only the six counties that are designated by population under present law. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 211, Part 8. by \*Capley.

**House Bill No. 112** -- Insurance, Health, Accident - As enacted, reenacts the "Proton Therapy Access Act," which was repealed on January 1, 2023. - Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23. by \*Zachary.

**\*House Bill No. 113** -- Probation and Parole - As introduced, requires any program that is a community-based alternative to incarceration to offer to all eligible persons participating in their program information on restoration of voting rights. - Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 2, Part 1; Title 40, Chapter 29 and Title 40, Chapter 35. by \*Russell.

**\*House Bill No. 114** -- Sentencing - As introduced, allows a court to sentence a defendant convicted of two or more criminal offenses to consecutive sentences if the defendant

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is sentenced for criminal offenses involving more than one victim and the court finds that a separate consecutive sentence for each offense is in the interest of justice. - Amends TCA Title 40. by \*Russell.

**\*House Bill No. 115** -- Secretary of State - As introduced, requires the Secretary of State to establish and implement a program designated as the Tennessee Businesses Against Trafficking program to engage participating corporations and other private entities in voluntary efforts to identify, prevent, and combat human trafficking. - Amends TCA Title 38, Chapter 1. by \*Moody.

**House Bill No. 116** -- Lottery, Scholarships and Programs - As introduced, expands the definition of "eligible postsecondary institution" to include certain private postsecondary institutions for purposes of the Tennessee HOPE scholarship. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9. by \*Hurt, \*Carringer, \*Hakeem, \*Hale, \*Sparks, \*Keisling, \*Jernigan, \*Littleton, \*Capley, \*Bricken, \*Davis, \*Hulsey, \*Garrett, \*Terry, \*Doggett.

**\*House Bill No. 117** -- Education, Dept. of - As introduced, specifies that the department must submit the early grades reading report to the education committee of the senate and the education committees of the house of representatives by January 15 of each year. - Amends TCA Title 49. by \*Hicks T.

**\*House Bill No. 118** -- Local Government, General - As introduced, establishes a referendum process by which the electorate of a local government in this state may vote to establish 16-year term limits for the public officials of the local government. - Amends TCA Title 2; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 8. by \*Richey.

**\*House Bill No. 119** -- Tennessee Fish & Wildlife Commission - As introduced, requires the commission to implement a preference point system for drawing half of the quota elk hunt permits; limits the amount that the commission charges for a quota elk hunt permit to a non-refundable \$10.00 application fee. - Amends TCA Title 70. by \*Richey.

**\*House Bill No. 120** -- Firearms and Ammunition - As introduced, expands the exception to the offense of unlawful carrying of a firearm with the intent to go armed from handguns to firearms if a person meets the age requirements, lawfully possesses the firearm, and is in a place where the person is lawfully present. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17. by \*Richey, \*Warner, \*Todd, \*Doggett, \*Grills, \*Fritts, \*Capley, \*Martin B, \*Barrett, \*Bricken.

**\*House Bill No. 121** -- Political Parties - As introduced, prescribes a process by which a person must declare a statewide political party or recognized minor party affiliation before voting in a primary election. - Amends TCA Title 2. by \*Richey.

**\*House Bill No. 122** -- Education, Curriculum - As introduced, changes the grade levels, from grades kindergarten through 12 to grades six through 12, that may receive family life instruction beginning in the 2029-2030 school year. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 13. by \*Baum.

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**\*House Bill No. 123** -- Bail, Bail Bonds - As introduced, prohibits a clerk of court from accepting a cash bail deposit presented by a charitable bail organization on behalf of a defendant; excludes a person soliciting donations with respect to a defendant who is related to the person by blood, marriage, or adoption and a nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of religious worship from the meaning of "charitable bail organization." - Amends TCA Title 39; Title 40; Title 48 and Title 62. by \*Baum.

**\*House Bill No. 124** -- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration - As introduced, requires the registration of personal trailers, including personal trailers used for the transportation of boats or other personal trailers or semitrailers drawn by an automobile or truck. - Amends TCA Title 55. by \*Leatherwood.

**\*House Bill No. 125** -- Taxes, Exemption and Credits - As introduced, exempts from the sales tax the retail sale of trailers that are removed for registration and use in another state within three calendar days of purchase. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 3. by \*Leatherwood.

**House Bill No. 126** -- County Boundaries - As introduced, requires the secretary of state to forward a copy of each public act that changes county lines to the state board of equalization. - Amends TCA Section 3-1-102; Section 3-1-103 and Title 5, Chapter 2. by \*Leatherwood.

**\*House Bill No. 127** -- Education - As introduced, allows a school resource officer, school security officer, or other law enforcement officer who is trained and certified for completing a behavior intervention training program to use a mechanical restraint on a student receiving special education services in an emergency situation. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 10, Part 13 and Title 49, Chapter 6. by \*Martin G.

**\*House Bill No. 128** -- Statutes of Limitations and Repose - As introduced, increases the statute of limitation for prosecution of official misconduct and destruction of and tampering with governmental records to six years from the date of the offense. - Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 2. by \*Garrett.

**\*House Bill No. 129** -- Public Funds and Financing - As introduced, deauthorizes the use of promissory notes secured by a first mortgage or a first deed of trust upon residential real property as collateral by banks in which public funds are invested or deposited by a governmental entity for investments or deposits above the insurance limitations provided by the FDIC. - Amends TCA Section 9-1-107. by \*Capley.

**\*House Bill No. 130** -- Taxes, Ad Valorem - As introduced, removes the authority of the state board of equalization to create an assessment appeals commission to hear and act upon complaints and appeals regarding the assessment, classification, and value of property for purposes of taxation. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3 and Title 67, Chapter 5. by \*Johnson C.

**\*House Bill No. 131** -- Auditing - As introduced, extends from five to 10 business days the period by which a contracting entity with the state or a local government must object to a notice to audit the contracting entity by the comptroller to ensure that public funds are used for their designated public purpose under the contract. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 9. by \*Ragan.



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**\*House Bill No. 132** -- Revenue, Dept. of - As introduced, removes the requirement for the commissioner to provide a report to the general assembly that details the work of the state board of equalization. - Amends TCA Title 67. by \*Keisling.

**\*House Bill No. 133** -- Election Laws - As introduced, increases the time allowed for an employee to take time off to vote on election day from three to four hours. - Amends TCA Title 2; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 8. by \*Leatherwood.

**\*House Bill No. 134** -- Campaigns and Campaign Finance - As introduced, exempts churches and other religious organizations from the Campaign Financial Disclosure Act of 1980 with respect to expending funds in favor of or in opposition to single or multiple issue measures related to questions of public or private morality, including, but not limited to, alcohol, drugs, abortion, marriage, or gambling. - Amends TCA Section 2-10-101. by \*Haston.

**House Bill No. 135** -- Pensions and Retirement Benefits - As introduced, extends mandatory retirement provision imposed on certain public safety officers to commissioned special agents of the department of revenue and commissioned members of the department of environment and conservation; requires such persons to also receive, in addition to the retirement service allowance, a supplemental bridge allowance. - Amends TCA Title 8. by \*Haston.

**\*House Bill No. 136** -- Consumer Protection - As introduced, exempts an affiliate of a business licensed under state insurance laws and a person or entity providing certain service contracts, or an affiliate of the person or entity, from requirements governing businesses that make automatic renewal offers or continuous service offers to consumers. - Amends TCA Title 47, Chapter 18, Part 1 and Title 56. by \*Howell.

**\*House Bill No. 137** -- Special License Plates - As introduced, reorganizes provisions regarding new specialty earmarked license plates; removes outdated provisions, including the obsolete street rod specialty plate. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 4. by \*Howell.

**\*House Bill No. 138** -- Highways, Roads and Bridges - As introduced, redesignates the SGT Michael P. Oliver Memorial Bridge to span Doe River in Carter County instead of a location in Franklin County; redesignates the PFC Forrest Wells Memorial Bridge to span Hurricane Creek in Bedford County instead of Little Hurricane Creek. - Amends TCA Title 54. by \*Howell.

**House Bill No. 139** -- Motor Vehicles - As introduced, requires a driver who holds a valid commercial driver license to be present behind the wheel of the lead commercial motor vehicle traveling in a platoon, rather than behind the wheel of each commercial motor vehicle traveling in that platoon. - Amends TCA Title 39; Title 54 and Title 55. by \*Howell.

**House Bill No. 140** -- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration - As introduced, authorizes the department of revenue, in cooperation with other governmental agencies or interested nonprofit organizations, to publicize to potential participants the availability, under the Precious Cargo Act of 2021, of a designation within the Tennessee Vehicle Title and Registration System (VTRS) database of a need for assistance with expressive language or communicating needs to first responders. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 54; Title 55; Title 65 and Title 67. by \*Howell.

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**House Bill No. 141** -- Highways, Roads and Bridges - As introduced, authorizes the commissioner of transportation to include the anticipated completion dates for projects under construction in the commissioner's quarterly report to the state building commission on the status of road projects. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 54; Title 55; Title 65 and Title 67. by \*Howell.

**House Bill No. 142** -- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration - As introduced, authorizes a person who, after applying for or receiving a motor vehicle title or registration, moves from the address named in the application or title or registration, or changes names, to submit the required notice to the department in writing or electronically. - Amends TCA Title 54; Title 55; Title 65 and Title 67. by \*Howell.

**House Bill No. 143** -- Bail, Bail Bonds - As introduced, requires a magistrate to order a defendant charged with the offense of aggravated assault or assault of a first responder that involves strangulation of the victim to post bail to reasonably ensure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community, in addition to any other conditions of release imposed. - Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40. by \*Martin G.

**\*House Bill No. 144** -- Criminal Offenses - As introduced, changes from 25 to 17 the number of days of incarceration a person convicted of a second offense of driving under the influence of an intoxicant must serve before the person can participate in a substance abuse treatment program; requires a person charged with or convicted of a third or subsequent offense of driving under the influence of an intoxicant involving the use of alcohol to wear a transdermal alcohol monitoring device for a 90-day period of continuous sobriety. - Amends TCA Title 39; Title 40 and Title 55. by \*Lamberth.

**\*House Bill No. 145** -- Secretary of State - As introduced, extends the period of reduced fees payable to the secretary of state relating to nonprofit charitable gaming and the solicitation of charitable funds. - Amends TCA Title 3, Chapter 17, Part 1 and Title 48, Chapter 101, Part 5. by \*Holsclaw.

**House Bill No. 146** -- School Transportation - As introduced, changes, from August 1 to July 31, the date by which the name, address, and telephone number of persons designated to check buses transporting children with disabilities for such children must be supplied to the LEA each year. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 9; Title 49 and Title 55. by \*Hazlewood.

**House Bill No. 147** -- Bond Issues - As introduced, authorizes the state, acting by resolution of its funding board, to issue and sell its bonds and bond anticipation notes for certain purposes. by \*Hazlewood.

**House Bill No. 148** -- Budget Procedures - As introduced, deletes requirements that budget document includes personal income statement for calendar year 1977 and actual state appropriations for fiscal year 1977-1978. - Amends TCA Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 52. by \*Hazlewood.

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**House Bill No. 149** -- Appropriations - As introduced, makes appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of certain legislative enactments passed during the 2023 session of the 113th General Assembly; earmarks sufficient state funds for the purpose of funding any bill naming a highway or bridge in honor of a service member killed in action. by \*Hazlewood.

**House Bill No. 150** -- Parks, Natural Areas Preservation - As introduced, designates certain segments of the North Chickamauga Creek as Class I natural river areas. - Amends TCA Title 11, Chapter 13. by \*Hazlewood.

**House Bill No. 151** -- Public Funds and Financing - As introduced, makes various revisions related to public financing, including authorizing superintendents of county workhouses to keep an account of all supplies, implements, and tools purchased for the workhouse in an electronic record in lieu of a well-bound book. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 11; Title 12; Title 13; Title 41; Title 42; Title 49; Title 54; Title 64; Title 68 and Title 69. by \*Hazlewood.

**\*House Bill No. 152** -- TennCare - As introduced, enacts the "Annual Coverage Assessment Act of 2023," which imposes on each covered hospital licensed as of July 1, 2023, an annual coverage assessment for fiscal year 2023-2024 of four and eighty-seven hundredths percent of a covered hospital's annual coverage assessment base. - Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 5. by \*Hazlewood.

**House Bill No. 153** -- Budget Procedures - As introduced, authorizes grant payments under the grant assistance program for nursing home care to be made either monthly or quarterly. - Amends TCA Title 3; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 10; Title 11; Title 12; Title 13; Title 16; Title 17; Title 18; Title 29; Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 42; Title 43; Title 44; Title 45; Title 47; Title 48; Title 49; Title 50; Title 53; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 57; Title 58; Title 59; Title 60; Title 61; Title 62; Title 63; Title 64; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68; Title 69; Title 70 and Title 71. by \*Hazlewood.

**House Bill No. 154** -- Economic and Community Development - As introduced, enacts the "Employee Ownership, Empowerment, and Expansion Act," to support the growth and expansion of employee-owned businesses. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 9; Title 12, Chapter 3; Title 45; Title 50; Title 56, Chapter 1 and Title 67. by \*Marsh.

**\*House Bill No. 155** -- Health, Dept. of - As introduced, requires an annual training pay bonus supplement for eligible emergency medical services personnel in the amount of \$800. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 3. by \*Hicks G.

**House Bill No. 156** -- Taxes - As introduced, allows a request for an extension of time to file a business tax return and pay the tax to be signed by the taxpayer or the taxpayer's representative. - Amends TCA Title 67. by \*Hicks G.

**\*House Bill No. 157** -- Taxes, Business - As introduced, eliminates the business tax for tax periods that begin on or after January 1, 2024. - Amends TCA Section 7-52-606; Section 38-1-201; Section 39-17-1806; Section 50-6-904; Section 58-2-205; Section 58-2-204; Section 62-44-102 and Title 67. by \*Baum.

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**House Bill No. 158** -- Education - As introduced, prohibits a local education agency, public charter school, public institution of higher education, the state board of education, and the department of education from requiring an educator, employee of an LEA or charter school, faculty member, or employee of a public institution of higher education to complete or participate in implicit bias training; defines "implicit bias training"; prohibits adverse licensure and employment actions from being taken against such an individual for the individual's failure or refusal to participate in implicit bias training. - Amends TCA Title 49. by \*Zachary.

**\*House Bill No. 159** -- Criminal Offenses - As introduced, exempts from the offense of possessing or carrying a weapon on school property the possession or carrying of a pocket knife by a nonstudent adult on election day if the knife remains concealed at all times while the adult is on school property for the sole purpose of voting in an election for which the school is the adult's designated polling place. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17 and Title 49. by \*Capley.

**\*House Bill No. 160** -- Alcoholic Beverages - As introduced, makes changes to the requirements for applicants for server permits. - Amends TCA Title 57, Chapter 3, Part 7. by \*Marsh.

**House Bill No. 161** -- Motor Vehicles - As introduced, extends, from 10 to 12 days, the time period a scrap metal dealer must request a hearing from the department of commerce and insurance after receiving a notification regarding a violation. - Amends TCA Title 55; Title 62 and Title 68. by \*Wright.

**\*House Bill No. 162** -- Motor Vehicles - As introduced, requires the department of transportation to submit a brief written summary to the transportation committee of the house of representatives and the transportation and safety committee of the senate no later than March 15 annually concerning placards issued to transporters of manufactured homes, including data on unsafe and erratic driving reported to the department using the telephone number that appears on the placards. - Amends TCA Title 55; Title 62; Title 67 and Title 68. by \*Moon.

**HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

On motion, bills listed below passed second consideration and were referred by the Speaker to Committee or held on the Clerk's desk as noted:

**\*House Bill No. 83** -- Ashland City – Held On Desk

**\*House Bill No. 84** -- Salaries and Benefits -- Held On Desk

**\*House Bill No. 85** -- Controlled Substances -- Held On Desk

**\*House Bill No. 86** -- Regional Authorities and Special Districts -- Held On Desk

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- \*House Bill No. 87** -- Traffic Safety -- Held On Desk
- \*House Bill No. 88** -- Driver Licenses -- Held On Desk
- \*House Bill No. 89** -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Held On Desk
- \*House Bill No. 90** -- Local Government, General -- Held On Desk
- \*House Bill No. 91** -- Children's Services, Dept. of -- Held On Desk

**PERMANENT  
RULES OF ORDER  
of the  
TENNESSEE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly**

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**1. SPEAKER TO CONVENE HOUSE.** At the hour to which the House shall have been adjourned, the Speaker shall proceed to the dais and announce that the House is in session in accordance with the adjournment motion previously made. The Speaker shall then call the House to order and, after appropriate opening ceremonies, call for the regular order of business, beginning with a roll call to determine that a quorum is present. A quorum of the House of Representatives shall be as defined by the Constitution of the State of Tennessee: "Not less than two-thirds of all the members to which each house shall be entitled shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized, by law, to compel the attendance of absent members." Article 2, Section 11, Constitution of the State of Tennessee.

**2. SPEAKER TO PRESERVE ORDER AND DECORUM.** The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum and may speak to points of order in preference to other members.

No member or staff member of the House of Representatives shall record or live stream the proceedings of the House, a House committee, Joint Convention, or Joint Committee. The preceding sentence shall not apply during floor presentations under Welcoming and Honoring or to any official recording or live stream produced, archived, and authorized for distribution by the General Assembly or House of Representatives.

The Speaker will have the authority to set other guidelines for decorum.

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**3. OTHER DUTIES OF SPEAKER.** The Speaker shall supervise the preparation of the daily Journal and shall have general direction of the Representative Chamber in accordance with the authority granted under the Rules of the House.

**4. ORDER IN GALLERY OR LOBBY.** In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby, the Speaker or the Chair of the Committee of the Whole shall have power to order the same to be cleared.

**5. FORMS OF QUESTIONS.** Questions shall be put directly in this form: "Representatives in favor of (then state the proposition) say 'Aye' and, after the affirmative will be expressed, "Representatives who are opposed, say 'Nay'." If the Speaker doubt, or a roll call be requested, as provided in Rule 29, a roll call vote shall be taken.

**6. SPEAKER TO APPOINT COMMITTEES.** The Speaker shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise directed by the House, in which case they shall be elected by a vote of the House; and if, upon the first ballot, there be no election, a second ballot shall be taken, in which a plurality of votes shall elect. The Speaker shall, in appointing committees, give consideration to the abilities, preferences and seniority of the members and the political party representation in the House. No member shall be appointed to serve on more than three (3) standing committees, exclusive of the Committee on Calendar and Rules.

**7. SPEAKER TO APPOINT COMMITTEE OFFICERS.** The Speaker shall appoint one (1) chair and one (1) vice-chair for each of the standing committees and for the Committee on Calendar and Rules. The Speaker shall appoint one (1) subcommittee chair for each subcommittee. Any officer of any committee, with the approval of the Speaker, may choose to be a member of only one (1) committee. In appointing committee officers, the Speaker shall consider the abilities, preferences and seniority of members and the political party representation in the House.

**8. SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE.** A Speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives shall be elected by the membership of the House during the organizational session of the General Assembly. The Speaker pro tempore shall serve until a successor is chosen or until the expiration of such speaker's term, whichever shall first occur. The Speaker pro tempore shall act during the absence of the Speaker, except that the Speaker shall have the right to name any member to perform the duties of the Chair for periods not to exceed three (3) consecutive legislative days. In the absence of the Speaker and the Speaker pro tempore, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to call the House to order and call the roll for the election of a temporary Speaker. In the event of an interim vacancy of the office of Speaker, through death or resignation, or in the event of disability of the Speaker, the Speaker pro tempore shall conduct the necessary business of the House only until such time as an election can be held in the House to fill the vacancy.

**9. CHIEF CLERK.** There shall be a Chief Clerk, Assistant Chief Clerk, Assistant Chief Clerk/Parliamentarian, Chief Engrossing Clerk and Chief Sergeant-At-Arms of the House of Representatives who shall be appointed by the Speaker and who shall serve until a successor is chosen. The Chief Clerk shall keep open the Office of the Clerk during and between sessions of the General Assembly on a permanent basis and shall transact efficiently such business as is assigned or required by law or rules of the House, both during and between sessions. The Chief Clerk, Assistant Chief Clerk, Assistant Chief Clerk/Parliamentarian, Chief Engrossing Clerk and

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Chief Sergeant-At-Arms shall take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Tennessee and to truly and faithfully discharge the duties of the office to the best of their knowledge and ability.

**10. APPOINTMENT OF HOUSE EMPLOYEES.** The Speaker shall appoint such House employees as are necessary for the proper transaction of the business of the House.

**11. VOTES REQUIRED FOR CHOICE.** In all votes other than those specifically provided for herein, a majority of those present and voting shall be necessary to a choice, a quorum being present.

**12. ORDER OF BUSINESS.** The reading of the daily Journal for the preceding day shall not be required; provided, however, that upon appropriate motions, the House may direct that the same be read. Any corrections in the Journal shall be suggested by individual members under the order of Unfinished Business.

After appropriate opening ceremonies, the Speaker shall call for the following:

- (1) Roll Call
- (2) Welcoming and Honoring
- (3) Introduction of Resolutions
- (4) Senate Joint Resolutions (Congratulatory, Memorializing)
- (5) Resolutions Lying Over
- (6) Introduction of Bills
- (7) Senate Bills on First Consideration
- (8) Senate Bills on Second Consideration
- (9) House Bills on Second Consideration
- (10) Petitions and Memorials
- (11) Reports from Standing Committees
- (12) Reports from Select Committees
- (13) Calendars
- (14) Unfinished Business
- (15) Announcements
- (16) Roll Call

**13. SPECIAL ORDER.** It shall require an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the members to which the House is entitled under the Constitution to set a special order of business; however, when a motion has been made to set for a special order any bill, resolution, or motion, the motion having failed for lack of a two-thirds majority but having received a majority vote of the members of the House present, it shall be in order, upon the demand of five (5) members of the House, for the Committee on Calendar and Rules to meet and report for the adoption or rejection by a majority vote of the House a rule or order fixing a time for the consideration of said bill or measure. It shall require a majority vote of the members of the House to postpone any special order set.

**14. NUMBER OF SPECIAL ORDERS PERMISSIBLE WITHOUT RE-REFERRAL.** After a bill has been scheduled for third consideration, another date for third consideration may be requested, and the bill or resolution shall be so scheduled, however, any bill or resolution shall only be rescheduled three (3) times. If the House does not consider the bill or resolution on or

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before the fourth such scheduled time, the bill or resolution shall be automatically re-referred to the Committee on Calendar and Rules. The same shall apply to any bill or resolution that has been rescheduled without special order.

**15. PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS - BRIEF STATEMENT.** Before any petition or memorial addressed to the House shall be received and read at the table, a brief statement of the contents of the petition or memorial shall be filed with the Chief Clerk.

**16. SYSTEM ENTRY CODE.** Before any bill or resolution can be accepted by the Chief Clerk for the purpose of pre-filing and assigning a number, or any committee amendment or any other amendment in the first degree can be accepted for the purpose of attaching it to a bill, the document in question shall have a system entry code affixed thereto by the Office of Legal Services.

**17. RESOLUTIONS.** Resolutions shall be pre-filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk by 4:00 p.m. for introduction the following day and referral to the appropriate standing committee. However, all congratulatory and memorializing resolutions shall automatically be introduced the day of filing or the first legislative day thereafter and placed on the next Consent Calendar in accordance with Rule No. 50.

Joint resolutions calling for joint conventions shall be referred by the Speaker to a committee consisting of the Speaker, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader for immediate consideration. The committee shall report its recommendations concerning the proposed joint convention to the House.

**18. DUTIES OF MEMBERS TOWARD SPEAKER.** No member shall be recognized by the Speaker unless the member addresses the chair from such member's desk. In all cases the member who shall first rise shall be entitled to speak first; but when two (2) or more members shall rise at the same time, the Speaker shall name the member who shall speak first.

When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter whatever to the House, such member shall rise, and respectfully address the chair and await the notice of the Speaker. After recognition by the Speaker, the member shall proceed with making remarks which strictly conform to the question under debate and avoid all personalities.

**19. TRANSGRESSION OF RULES BY MEMBER.** Any member who, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any other member may, call such transgressing member to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the House shall, if appealed to, decide the case without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall prevail. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, such member shall be permitted to proceed, without leave of the House. If otherwise, such member shall not be permitted to proceed. In case any member objects and continues, without leave of the House, and if the case require it, such member shall be liable to the censure of the House.

**20. ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS REQUIRED.** No member shall be absent from service in the House without leave first obtained; and in case a less number than the quorum of the House shall convene, the Speaker is hereby authorized to send the Sergeant-at-Arms, or any other person or persons, for any or all absent members. This shall be done at the expense of



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such absentees, respectively, unless such excuse for nonattendance shall be rendered as the House, when a quorum is convened, shall deem sufficient.

**21. TIME LIMITS OF DEBATE.** When recognized, each member shall be limited to five (5) minutes in discussion upon the floor of the House on a particular bill, resolution or motion. A majority of the members present may increase or decrease the limitations of time herein set out for debate on a particular bill, resolution or motion.

**22. PERSONS ADMITTED ON FLOOR OF HOUSE.** The Sergeant-at-Arms shall admit no person into the House Chamber thirty (30) minutes prior to and during any session except members of the General Assembly, employees of the House as designated by the Speaker of the House, employees of the Senate as designated by the Speaker of the Senate, employees of the Office of Legal Services, employees of the Office of Legislative Information Services, Fiscal Review Committee staff, as designated by the Speaker of the House, members of the Capitol Hill Press Corps as designated by the chair of the Corps and approved by the Speaker of the House, and the Chaplain and the Physician of the Day. All visitors and spectators shall have access to the gallery so long as they preserve order.

**23. EVERY MOTION MUST BE SECONDED.** Every motion must be seconded by some member of the House other than the proponent of the motion and upon failure of a second, the Speaker shall declare the motion failed for lack of a second.

**24. MOTION REDUCED TO WRITING.** The Speaker may require any motion to be reduced to writing and placed on the desk of the Clerk.

**25. WHAT MOTION DEBATABLE.** All motions shall be subject to debate except the following motions:

- (1) To adjourn
- (2) Lay on the table
- (3) For the previous question
- (4) For consideration of untimely filed amendment
- (5) To limit or extend debate

Provided, however, the proponent of any motion sought to be tabled shall have the right to be heard after the motion to table is made and before said motion to table is put to vote.

**26. PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS.** When any question or motion is under debate in the House, the following motions only shall be in order and may be entertained by the Speaker:

- (1) To adjourn
- (2) To lay on the table
- (3) For the previous question
- (4) To postpone or postpone to a day certain
- (5) To commit or recommit
- (6) To amend

Each of said motions shall take precedence in the order set out herein.

**27. NO MOTION TO ADJOURN OR PREVIOUS QUESTION UNTIL FURTHER BUSINESS.** When a motion to adjourn or a call for the previous question shall have been made and failed, the Speaker shall not entertain another motion to adjourn or a call for the previous question until some business has been transacted or there is progress in debate since the last motion to adjourn or a call for the previous question was voted upon.

**28. WHEN MOTION NOT TO BE ENTERTAINED BY SPEAKER.** After the Speaker has submitted a question or after there has been a roll call or count of the House, the Speaker shall not entertain or recognize a member on a point of personal privilege or otherwise until a decision of the House has been declared by the Chair. At any other time, a member may rise to a point of personal privilege but such member shall confine such remarks to questions affecting the rights, reputation and conduct of the member in such member's official capacity, and shall not address remarks to any question germane to substantive matters being considered.

**29. DEMAND OF ROLL CALL.** Any question or motion (except final passage of a bill) may be put to the House by a voice vote at the discretion of the Speaker; provided, however, that, as required by the Constitution of Tennessee, any five (5) members of the House may require a roll call of the membership of the House and said members desiring a roll call shall indicate their desire by raising their hands. All votes taken upon final passage on third consideration of a general bill and all votes taken on demand by any five (5) members as provided for shall be taken by the electronic roll call system, provided that the Speaker may require the calling of the names of the members in alphabetical order and each member shall then answer "Aye" or "Nay" when such member's name is called by the Clerk without debate. Whenever the electronic roll call system is used, the Clerk shall preserve the record of the votes of the members by making the printed roll call as authenticated by the roll call system a part of the rough journal. All members casting votes by the electronic roll call machine shall be at their proper desks at the time for voting with the exception of the Speaker and sponsor moving passage of the bill under consideration. No member shall vote for another member on the electronic roll call system or otherwise. A member temporarily away from their desk, but within the House Chamber, may request the Clerk to record their vote before the result is announced by the Speaker. If a member is deemed absent by the Clerk during voting, the Clerk shall lock the member's electronic roll call machine. In the event the electronic roll call system is inoperative, all questions shall be put to the House by voice vote or by calling the roll as circumstances may require.

**30. EXPLANATION OF VOTE.** Any member may have written into the Journal an explanation of such member's vote on any particular motion, resolution, or bill by presenting to the Clerk an appropriate explanation in typewritten form. However, an oral explanation is not a matter of privilege and shall not be allowed from the floor.

**31. CHANGE OF VOTE.** Any member's vote on a roll call vote may be changed if such member requests such change before the result of the roll call is announced by the Speaker. After the result of the roll call is announced by the Speaker, no member may change such vote and the Journal entry shall not be altered. However, any member not voting at the time the roll call was taken, or any member voting on the original question but wishing to express a desire to change such member's original stand, may, have entered on the Journal a typewritten statement of support of or opposition to the question upon which the vote was taken.

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**32. APPEALS TO HOUSE ON RULINGS OF SPEAKER.** Any five (5) members of the House may appeal to the House from the ruling of the Speaker and a majority vote of the members present shall decide the appeal.

No member shall speak more than twice on the appeal except with the permission of the majority of the members present

**33. WHO MAY ADDRESS SPEAKER.** No one may address the Speaker except a member of the House.

**34. DIVISION OF QUESTION IN DEBATE.** If the question in debate contains several points, any member may have the same divided; but no bill shall be divided on third and final consideration.

**35. OTHER PAPERS AND VISUAL AIDS.** When the reading of a paper is called for and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be decided by a vote of the House without debate. Distribution of other papers to the desks of the members shall be restricted to general announcements only, can only be accomplished upon request of a member of the House and must reflect the name of the requesting member. Members shall not enter any meeting of the House, its committees, its subcommittees, Joint Conventions, or joint committees with props or personal displays of any kind that may be used as a visual aid for the advocacy of, or in opposition to, any legislation or political message whatsoever.

**36. PREVIOUS QUESTION.** The previous question shall only be admitted when demanded by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present. It may be applied to the main question, the main question and amendment, or to the main question and amendment to the amendment. If the question prevails on the main motion, its effect shall be to preclude all future amendments and terminate all debate. When a member's turn to be recognized comes and that member, during that turn of recognition, wishes to call the previous question, the member may not debate that issue at that time, but must only move for the previous question. The proponent of the motion, amendment, resolution or bill shall have the right to close the debate thereon, and no call for the previous question shall cut off this right. However, when the demand for the previous question has been made and rejected under the foregoing provision but received a majority vote of the members of the House, it shall be in order, upon the demand of any five (5) members of the House, for the Committee on Calendar and Rules to meet and fix or limit the time in which debate on said question shall be closed, which decision shall be binding upon all membership of the House.

**37. TABLED MOTION - HOW REMOVED, ETC.** When any bill, resolution, or motion is laid on the table by a vote of the House, it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present to take it from the table; but it shall require only a majority of the votes (a quorum being present) to lift from the table a vote rejecting a bill, resolution, or a motion.

**38. BILLS DISPLACED BY SUBSTITUTION TABLED.** When a bill has been substituted for another bill, the bill displaced by the substitution shall be considered as tabled.

**39. WHEN BILL OR RESOLUTION FAILS TO RECEIVE CONSTITUTIONAL MAJORITY.** When any bill or resolution is voted upon, but fails to receive a constitutional majority, the same shall be automatically re-referred to the Committee on Calendar and Rules and shall not be set

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again for a calendar unless it is recommended by two-thirds (2/3) of the committee members entitled to vote at a meeting of the committee. Any bill so rereferred during the final seven (7) days of the session shall not be again placed on the calendar for consideration during that session unless called for by a favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members to which the House is entitled under the Constitution, in which case it shall be placed in the next available position on the calendar for a succeeding day. However, no bill or resolution may be voted on more than twice during this General Assembly.

**40. MOTION TO RECONSIDER FOLLOWING FINAL PASSAGE.** When a vote on final passage of a bill has been made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member voting with the prevailing side to move for a reconsideration thereof, at any time the same day or the next succeeding day of actual session. If the member moving the reconsideration shall request that motion be entered upon the Journal, it shall be done, and such member shall have exclusive control of the motion during that day and the next succeeding day of actual session; providing the motion has been duly seconded; and the motion shall be a privileged motion, taking precedence, when called up, over all other business. Thereafter, it may be called up by any member and disposed of by the House; however, no motion to reconsider a reconsideration shall be in order.

**41. NO CROWDING ABOUT CLERK'S DESK.** Members shall not crowd or stand about the Clerk's desk.

**42. WHO ALLOWED IN ROOMS OF CLERKS.** No persons other than members and employees of the General Assembly shall be allowed in the offices of the Chief Clerk and Chief Engrossing Clerk during the period the House is in floor session.

**43. INFORMATION REQUIRED ON COVERS OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.** Every bill or resolution introduced shall be typewritten on not less than a full page of paper.

Each bill or resolution shall be enclosed in a manuscript cover and shall bear the signature(s) of the sponsor(s) on said cover and said cover shall also contain a succinct statement of the purpose or nature of said bill or resolution.

No member shall be permitted to be added as a sponsor to a bill or resolution without the written permission or the electronic approval of the first prime sponsor; provided, however, if a piece of legislation purports to name a public facility (bridge, building, etc.), the member who represents the district in which said facility lies shall be allowed to be added as a prime sponsor. Only the first prime sponsor may request that a bill be put on notice. However, the first prime sponsor may designate in writing, filed with the office of the house clerk, such other prime sponsor(s) who shall have all the rights of the first prime sponsor as to action on a bill.

The Chief Clerk shall delete the name of any member who is not the only prime sponsor from any bill or resolution upon receipt of such request in writing. The first prime sponsor may request the Chief Clerk delete the name of any member who is a co-sponsor of any bill or resolution upon receipt of such request in writing.

When a member introduces a bill or resolution, the Clerk shall immediately give the same a House number.

**44. FILING OF BILLS FOR INTRODUCTION.**

(a) Bills which have not been assigned a system entry code by the Office of Legal Services shall not be accepted for filing or pre-filing by the Office of the Chief Clerk.

(b) All bills for introduction shall be filed with the Chief Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day preceding the date of introduction.

(c) In the interim between sessions, any member of the House may pre-file a bill or resolution for introduction in the next session and the procedure shall be as follows:

(1) The bill or resolution shall be filed with the Chief Clerk of the House by the member in the number and form prescribed by the Rules of the House.

(2) The Chief Clerk shall number the bill or resolution and note thereon the date of the first day of the next session, on which the bill or resolution will be introduced and, in the case of bills, will pass first consideration.

(3) After written request of the sponsor of a pre-filed bill or resolution, the Speaker of the House may refer the bill or resolution to the appropriate committee to be studied and considered by the committee, or a subcommittee thereof, during the interim between sessions.

(d)

(1) No member may file more than fifteen (15) bills during each annual session of a General Assembly, except that a chair of a standing committee may file an additional five (5) bills on subjects that pertain to the committee of which he or she chairs.

(2) For the purposes of this Rule 44(d), "bill" means general bills and resolutions, except as provided in subdivision (3).

(3) The following general bills and resolutions are excluded from the limits imposed by this Rule 44(d):

(A) General bills of local application as specified in their captions and local bills;

(B) Administration bills and resolutions, limited to seventy-five (75) per annual session exclusive of bills and resolutions otherwise exempt from the limitation in this subsection;

(C) Resolutions approving amendments and revisions to rules of procedure promulgated by the Supreme Court and the annual codification act;

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(D) Annual appropriations bills, supplemental appropriations bills, bond bills, index bills and bills that contain in their caption the following language, "relative to statutory revisions required for implementation of the annual appropriations act";

(E) General bills sponsored and designated by an officer of the Government Operations Committee concerning extensions and terminations of entities or rules;

(F) Resolutions that are memorializing or congratulatory in nature and are not referred to a standing committee;

(G) Resolutions confirming appointments or authorizing annual charitable events;

(H) Resolutions that are procedural in nature and are not referred to a standing committee;

(I) Resolutions that are procedural in nature and sponsored by the chair of the ethics committee concerning matters within the scope of the ethics Committee;

(J) Any bill or resolution withdrawn from the House by the first prime sponsor, if withdrawn on or before the bill filing deadline.

(e) Notwithstanding the bill filing limitation in Rule 44(d), any member may petition the rules committee for an exception to exceed the limitation on or before the bill filing deadline. Any such petition shall include the reasons for the exception and the jacketed copy of the bill or resolution for which the exception is sought. If approved by a majority vote of the total membership of the rules committee, the bill or resolution shall be filed for introduction.

**45. BILLS TO BE NUMBERED.** Each bill introduced shall be numbered in numerical order by the Clerk and said bill shall bear said number and be designated by said number in all future considerations of the same in the House. No bill shall be assigned a number by the Clerk or be referred by the Speaker to a committee for consideration unless it contains a title or caption; an enacting clause stating, "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee:" and language following the enacting clause purporting to state new law or to amend or repeal existing law. Further, no bill that has not been assigned a system entry code by the Office of Legal Services shall be accepted or numbered by the Office of the Chief Clerk.

**46. ONE CONSIDERATION PER DAY'S SESSION.** Only one (1) consideration of a bill may be had in the House in any day's session.

**47. SECOND CONSIDERATION - REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.** After the passage of a bill on second consideration, all bills shall be referred by the Speaker to the appropriate committee. A bill assigned to a committee may be reassigned to a different committee only at the discretion of the Speaker. Such reassignment shall be noted by the Clerk. Any bill certified by its sponsor to be a caption bill or which is deemed so by the Speaker, shall receive first and second consideration and then shall be held on the Clerk's desk pending the filing of an amendment in proper form. After the filing of the amendment, the bill shall be referred by the Speaker to the proper committee. Any caption bill that fails to state a subject shall be held on the Clerk's desk until withdrawn by the sponsor.

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**48. SUBSTITUTE SPONSOR OF LOCAL BILL.** Should a Member be on active military duty and unable to attend legislative session then the Speaker may appoint another member to handle the affected members duties and rights with respect to Local Bills.

**49. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR AND RULES CONCERNING CALENDAR.** All bills having been considered and reported out of the standing committee to which referred shall be automatically transmitted to the Committee on Calendar and Rules without further reference by the Speaker; and no bill of general nature shall be considered for third and final passage until a written calendar, from the Committee on Calendar and Rules, giving notice of such bill, has been posted in a regular place in the House Chamber at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such consideration. Not more than twenty-five (25) general bills shall be placed on the calendar for final consideration on any one (1) day, and this number shall include any bills carried over from previous calendars or any bills set for special order. Should the House not complete any day's calendar, all bills remaining unconsidered shall go to the top of the calendar on the next day that general bills are considered, provided that only so many of the said bills shall be carried over as will not cause the total to be considered on that day to exceed the aforesaid limit. Any bills remaining to be carried over in excess of that number shall be placed at the head of the calendar on a succeeding day or days, within the daily maximum of twenty-five (25). The foregoing maximum limitation on bills for daily consideration may be suspended by the Committee on Calendar and Rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership of said committee.

**50. CONSENT CALENDAR.** Any bills or resolutions which are not controversial in nature shall be placed on a Consent Calendar by the officers of the Committee on Calendar and Rules, except for those resolutions placed on the Consent Calendar pursuant to Rule No. 17. The Consent Calendar shall be printed and posted in a regular place in the House Chamber at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the time for such consideration.

Any member may object in writing to a bill or resolution on the Consent Calendar and if objection is raised, the bill or resolution shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed at the foot of the regular calendar for consideration on the day following removal from the Consent Calendar; provided, however, that any bill or resolution objected to and removed from the Consent Calendar on the final day of a session shall be placed at the foot of the regular calendar on that day.

Upon a motion for passage of the Consent Calendar pursuant to Rule 50, the appropriate language shall be spread in the Journal:

"all House Bills having companion Senate Bills and are on the Clerk's desk be conformed and substituted for the appropriate House Bill, all Senate Joint Resolutions confirming appointments on the Clerk's desk be substituted for House Joint Resolutions confirming the same appointments, all Senate and House Bills on the Consent Calendar be passed on third and final consideration, all House Resolutions and House Joint Resolutions be adopted, and all Senate Joint Resolutions on the Consent Calendar be concurred in."

**51. SPONSOR OF BILL AND CHAIR OF STANDING COMMITTEE PROPOSING AMENDMENT TO BILL MUST BE PRESENT.** No bill may be considered on third and final reading unless the sponsor of said bill and the chair, or the chair's designee, of a standing committee which has recommended any amendment or amendments to the bill shall be present

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in the House, unless such sponsor or chair shall have previously indicated in writing to the Speaker permission for same to be brought up in such member's absence. However, if such sponsor, the chair or the chair's designee is not present in the House within one (1) hour from the time the bill is reached on the calendar, or the calendar is completed, this requirement is waived and the House may proceed to consider the bill in the absence of such sponsor, the chair or the chair's designee.

**52. SUBSTITUTE SPONSOR OF BILL.** Upon the resignation, death, or disability requiring the absence from the House of any sponsor of a bill, the Speaker may name one (1) of the cosigners of said bill as sponsor, and if only one (1) person shall have signed said bill as sponsor, and said sponsor becomes unable to be present in the House, the Speaker may name any person favorable to said bill as sponsor.

**53. RECALL OF BILL FROM COMMITTEE.** Except during the organizational session, after any bill or other matter shall have been in any standing committee for seven (7) days, the same may be called for by two-thirds (2/3) of the members to which the body is entitled under the Constitution and placed upon the calendar of the Calendar & Rules Committee. Such action shall be in order only after a signed notice giving the number of the bill to be called for has been filed with and announced by the Clerk at least one (1) day prior to offering a motion to withdraw said bill from the standing committee in which it is held. When a bill has been recalled from a standing committee to which it was assigned by the Speaker, it shall be placed at the top of the Calendar & Rules calendar on the next day on which the committee meets. This rule (rule 53) may not be suspended.

**54. RECALL OF BILL OR RESOLUTION FROM SENATE OR GOVERNOR.** Upon motion, the House acting by the written message of the Clerk may request the return of a bill or resolution from the Senate. If a bill has been transmitted to the Governor, upon motion, the forwarding body acting by written message of the Clerk may request the return of the bill or resolution from the Governor.

**55. BILL MAY BE RECOMMITTED.** After commitment and report thereof to the House, at any time before its passage, a bill may be recommitted, provided the recommitment of the bill during the last seven (7) days of a session shall prohibit further consideration of the bill during that session unless recalled under Rule 53.

**56. PRECEDENCE OF SENATE BILLS.** Bills coming from the Senate shall have precedence of bills in the House on the same subjects.

**57. CERTIFIED BY CLERK.** When a bill shall pass it shall be certified by the Clerk, noting the day of its passage at the foot thereof.

**58. BILLS TO BE EXAMINED BY CHIEF ENGROSSING CLERK.** All bills passed in the House shall, before they are sent to the Senate, be examined by the Chief Engrossing Clerk, whose duty it shall be to examine all bills, amendments, resolutions or motions, before they go out of the possession of the House, and to make report that they are correctly engrossed, which report shall be entered in the Journal. The Chief Engrossing Clerk shall correct any misspelled words in such documents prior to transmission.



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**59. CONCURRENCE OF HOUSE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS.** When a House bill is returned from the Senate with an amendment or a substitute for the House bill, the "ayes" and "noes" shall be called for on the concurrence in the amendment or the passage of the substituted bill and entered on the Journal of the House. No said amendment or substituted bill shall be considered as concurred in or passed unless a majority of the members to which the House is entitled shall have voted affirmatively therefor and the said vote shall have been entered on the Journal. Any measure coming from the Senate with an amendment or a substitute for the House bill shall lie over one (1) day except on the final two (2) legislative days of a session.

No measure coming from the Senate with an amendment or any other Senate action requiring House concurrence or non-concurrence shall be acted on by the House until the Chief Clerk has announced that the measure has been returned from the Senate requiring further action by the House. The Chief Clerk will see that an impact summary of the Senate action on the measure as prepared by the Office of Legislative Information Services is placed on a special Senate Message Calendar. The impact summaries will appear in numerical order regardless of the nature of the measure.

**60. AMENDMENTS TO BILLS.**

(a) No amendment beyond the second degree shall be entertained, that is, an amendment to an amendment; and in all such cases, the vote on the respective amendments shall be had in the reverse order in which the same were made.

(b) Except for amendments correcting grammatical or typographical errors, those simply changing dates or the effective date clause or amendments offered on the last day of any general session, the following shall apply to amendments offered by members of the House:

(1) Notice of the proposed amendment or amendment to an amendment has been given by two o'clock p.m. (2:00 p.m.) central time of the day prior to its consideration by the House; provided that, for Monday's calendar, notice of the proposed amendment or amendment to an amendment has been given by twelve o'clock (12:00) noon central time on the day of consideration. A copy of the proposed amendment or amendment to an amendment shall be made available to each member of the House; or

(2) The amendment has been considered by the standing committee which considered the bill itself, and the Committee has made a recommendation concerning the adoption of the amendment in the same manner that the Committee made its recommendation concerning the passage of the bill, a copy of said amendment shall be made available to each member of the House prior to a vote on same; or

(3) With the approval of both leaders or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, of the members present and voting, for consideration of the amendment if there has not been compliance with either subdivisions (1) or (2) above.

(c) The sponsor of an amendment that has not been filed in compliance with House Rule 60 (b) shall be limited to a one (1) minute explanation of the amendment to be considered.

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**61. TABLING OF AMENDMENT KILLS SAME.** When a motion to lay on the table an amendment, in the first or second degree, to a pending bill, resolution or other matter, prevails, it shall be a final defeat of the tabled amendment, and the further consideration of such bill, resolution, or other matter, may be at once continued.

**62. NO RIDER.** No amendment by way of a rider shall be received.

**63. MOTION TO REJECT.** When a bill receives a constitutional majority in the negative on a motion to pass on third and final consideration, or when a resolution receives a constitutional majority in the negative on a motion to adopt or concur on final consideration, the Speaker, after the announcement of the vote by the Clerk, shall say "(document type and number), having received a constitutional majority in the negative on a motion to pass on third and final consideration (or adopt or concur), I hereby declare the floor now open for a motion to reject." If a member makes the motion to reject, that motion and the bill or resolution in question will lie over the remainder of that legislative day and the Speaker will direct the Chief Clerk to place the bill or resolution in question at the heel of the regular calendar set for the next legislative day.

When a bill or resolution is considered on the next legislative day, no other motion shall be in order until the motion to reject has been disposed of and the Speaker has declared the final status of the bill or resolution in question. If the motion to reject passes, the Speaker, after the announcement of the vote by the Clerk, shall say "(document type and number), having received a constitutional majority in the negative on the motion to pass on third and final consideration (or adopt or concur), and having received a constitutional majority in the affirmative on the motion to reject, I hereby declare (document type and number) rejected under the terms set forth in Article II, Section 19, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee."

If no motion to reject is made, or if a motion to reject is made and fails to receive a constitutional majority, the Speaker shall re-refer the bill or resolution in question to the Committee on Calendar and Rules.

If the motion to reject as provided for in this rule is passed, then (a) pursuant to Article II, Section 19, Tennessee Constitution, no bill containing the same substance shall be passed into a law during this General Assembly, and (b) the motion to reconsider shall be out of order.

Motions to reject shall not be in order except as provided above.

**64. MOTION TO RECONSIDER EVERY BILL MUST BE ACTED UPON.** The Clerk shall transmit to the Senate no bill, resolution, message, report, amendment, or motion nor shall the Chief Engrossing Clerk present any bill or resolution to the Governor for his action until the motion to reconsider shall have been acted upon and said action entered on the Journal.

**65. STANDING COMMITTEES.** There shall be the following standing committees, each of which the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall be members, to wit:

- (1) Agriculture and Natural Resources
- (2) Civil Justice
- (3) Commerce
- (4) Criminal Justice
- (5) Education Administration

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- (6) Education Instruction
- (7) Finance, Ways, and Means
- (8) Government Operations
- (9) Health
- (10) Insurance
- (11) Local Government
- (12) State Government
- (13) Transportation

Provided, however, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall only vote when the Speaker is not present and voting, except on those standing committees to which the Speaker Pro Tempore has been regularly assigned.

There shall be a committee on Calendar and Rules to be composed of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader or such leader's designee, the Majority Caucus Chair, the Minority Leader or such leader's designee, the Minority Caucus Chair, two members each of the majority and minority parties appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the Speaker, one (1) chair, and one (1) vice chair appointed by the Speaker under House Rule 7; and the chair of each standing committee listed above. It shall set the calendar. No standing committee shall have more than thirty (30) appointed members. No member shall serve on more than three (3) standing committees, exclusive of the Committee on Calendar and Rules, the Joint Legislative Services Committee, and the Fiscal Review Committee, except the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore who shall be voting members of all standing committees as stated in the rule (65). Provided further, the Speaker Pro Tem or designee, the Majority Leader or designee, the Minority Leader or designee, the Democratic Caucus Chair and the Republican Caucus Chair shall serve as members of the Government Operations committee, as well as they may serve on three other standing committees.

**66. NO SPECIAL COMMITTEES - WHEN.** No special committee shall be appointed for any purpose when there is a standing committee on the same subject.

**67. MEETING OF COMMITTEES - WHEN.** No committee of this House shall remain in session during the sessions of the House, unless by permission of a majority of members present. All committee meetings, except meetings held when the House is in recess or adjourned, shall be announced in open session by the Chair, and the time and place of meeting shall be designated at the same time and shall conform with the established schedule and avoid conflict among the various standing committees. Committee meetings held on days when the House is in recess or adjourned shall be announced in open session or by written notice, furnished to each member of the House not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting time. Committee meetings may be called by the Chair of the Standing Committee, upon approval by the Speaker of the House when the House is in recess or adjourned and shall be called by the Committee Chair when petitioned in writing, signed by a majority of the members of the Committee. Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, when the House of Representatives is not in floor session, standing committees, subcommittees, committees created pursuant to resolution, committees created pursuant to statute and ad hoc committees of the Regular Session are authorized to meet and conduct business during any extraordinary session of the General Assembly.

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**68. COMMITTEE OF WHOLE.** In forming a Committee of the Whole, the Speaker shall leave the chair, and the Speaker shall appoint a Chair of the Committee of the Whole to preside.

**69. PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.** Upon a bill being committed to a Committee of the Whole, the bill shall be read throughout by the Clerk, if demanded by any member, and then again read and debated by clauses, leaving the preamble to be last considered. The body of the bill shall not be defaced or interlined; but all amendments, noting the page and the line, shall be duly entered by the Clerk on a separate paper, as the same shall be agreed to by the Committee, and so reported to the House. After report, the bill shall again be debated and amended by clauses before its final passage. The rules of the House shall be observed in Committee of the Whole so far as applicable, but no member shall speak twice to any question until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

**70. AMENDMENTS IN COMMITTEE OF WHOLE.** All amendments made to a report committed to a Committee of the Whole shall be noted and reported, as in the case of bills.

**71. AMENDMENTS IN STANDING COMMITTEES AND BILLS INITIATED BY STANDING COMMITTEES.** The standing committees may initiate legislation as a committee in addition to acting upon legislation referred to such standing committees. Such legislation initiated by the committee shall be introduced by the chair or the chair's designee and such other members of the committee as may wish to join therein.

When a standing committee recommends a bill for passage only with the adoption of an amendment or amendments approved by a majority vote of the standing committee, the committee chair shall cause such committee amendment or amendments to be prepared in proper typewritten form and filed with the Chief Clerk of the House. Bills reported out of standing committees with committee amendments cannot be considered by the Committee on Calendar and Rules unless the committee amendment is attached thereto. The Chair of said standing committee shall cause said committee amendment to be prepared and filed with the Chief Clerk within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the bill was reported out. The preceding two (2) sentences shall not apply to annual appropriations bills, supplemental appropriations bills, bond bills, index bills and bills that contain in their caption the following language, "relative to statutory revisions required for implementation of the annual appropriations act". No committee amendments shall be accepted by the Chief Clerk for filing unless said amendment is labeled with a system entry code assigned by the Office of Legal Services.

No later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time the bill recommended for amendment is scheduled for consideration on the floor of the House, the Chief Clerk shall cause the recommended amendment or amendments to be made available to each member of the House. After the bill has been explained and its passage moved by the sponsor, the chair of the standing committee recommending the amendment, or chair's designee, shall then be recognized for the explanation of and debate on such amendment or amendments. It shall be the responsibility of the Chief Clerk to ensure that the foregoing procedures are observed in the consideration of amendments recommended by standing committees.

**72. FISCAL MEASURES.** Any bill or resolution having a fiscal effect, other than not significant as indicated on the fiscal note, shall be referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means after consideration by the appropriate standing committee. The Committee on Finance, Ways and Means may offer committee amendments relating to fiscal concerns only,

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and shall not offer amendments relating to other substantive portions of the bill. If the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means recommends the bill or resolution for passage, the bill or resolution shall be referred to the Committee on Calendar and Rules. No bill or resolution having a fiscal effect, other than not significant as indicated on the fiscal note, shall be put upon final passage until the same has been referred to and recommended by the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

Should a standing committee recommend a bill or resolution for passage with an amendment or amendments which create a fiscal effect, other than not significant as indicated on the fiscal note, then, the chair of the standing committee shall refer the bill along with the recommended committee amendment or amendments to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

Should a standing committee recommend a bill or resolution for passage with an amendment or amendments which negate a fiscal effect as indicated by not significant on the fiscal note, the standing committee shall not refer the bill or resolution to the Committee on Finance, Ways, and Means unless the subject of the bill or resolution is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee on Finance, Ways, and Means but shall instead refer the bill or resolution to the otherwise appropriate committee. However, should an amendment or amendments which negate a fiscal effect not be adopted on the floor which cause the bill or resolution to have a fiscal effect and such bill or resolution not have been previously considered by the Committee on Finance, Ways, and Means, then the bill or resolution shall be automatically referred from the floor to the Committee on Finance, Ways, and Means.

Should a floor amendment or amendments to a bill or resolution be adopted which cause a bill or resolution to have a fiscal effect, other than not significant as indicated on the fiscal note, and the bill or resolution not have been previously considered by the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, then the bill or resolution shall be automatically referred from the floor to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

**73. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.** A motion for the appointment of a conference committee shall be in writing and shall state the purpose or purposes for which the committee is created. Every conference committee report shall refer to the motion by which the committee was created and shall set forth the instructions contained therein followed by the recommendations of the committee which shall conform to such motion and its instructions. No member of a conference committee may sign more than one (1) report. No report of a conference committee or any part thereof shall be adopted and incorporated into pending legislation unless the same shall have received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members to which the House is entitled under the Constitution and a motion to reconsider shall have been acted upon and entered on the Journal.

**74. CHANGE AND SUSPENSION OF RULES.** The rules of the House may be altered, amended, or suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members to which the House is entitled; a motion to alter or amend, but not suspend, the rules shall in all cases lie over one (1) day. This rule (Rule 74) may not be suspended on motion to alter, amend, or suspend the rules. A motion to suspend the rules shall be for a stated purpose and subsequent suspension of the rules shall be limited to that stated purpose.

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**75. ADJOURNMENT.** Adjournment shall be to the hour of 12:30 p.m. on the following day unless otherwise specified by the majority of those members present and voting.

**76. ENTER RULINGS.** The Clerk of the House shall enter on the Journal all rulings by the Speaker on points of order. The Clerk or any member may request that the Speaker submit such ruling in writing at the close of the day on which the ruling was made.

**77. ACTION ON BILLS INTRODUCED AFTER 10th DAY.** The bill filing deadline shall be the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) legislative day the House convenes for the transaction of business in any regular legislative session unless otherwise specified by the Speaker in consultation with the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader. Except as otherwise provided in this rule, any bill or resolution subject to the filing limitation of Rule 44(d) and those exempted in rule 44(d)(3) sections (B), (D) and (E) prefiled after the bill filing deadline shall be prefiled for introduction and referred to the delayed bills committee. If approved by unanimous consent of the delayed bills committee, the bill or resolution shall be introduced.

Any Senate Joint Resolution introduced in the Senate after the bill filing deadline in the House which would be subject to the filing limitation of Rule 44(d) if introduced in the House shall, upon receipt from the Senate, be referred to the delayed bills committee. If approved by unanimous consent of the delayed bills committee, the Senate Joint Resolution shall be referred to the appropriate committee.

Any Senate Bill for which no companion bill has been filed shall be held on the desk of the Clerk until a companion House Bill is filed and scheduled for third consideration.

Any bill or resolution prefiled but not receiving unanimous consent of the delayed bills committee may be called for by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members to which the body is entitled under the Constitution, in which case it shall be introduced.

The Delayed Bills Committee shall consist of the Speaker, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader and shall meet at the call of the Speaker.

**78. VETO.** Upon receipt of a veto message and return of a bill or resolution from the Governor, or a receipt of a message from the Senate advising the House that a bill or joint resolution has been passed by the Senate, the Governor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding, the Clerk shall read the message and cause the same to be spread at large upon the Journal. Thereafter, the sponsor of the bill or resolution may, upon twenty-four (24) hours typewritten notice and within three (3) legislative days after the filing of said notice, except the last legislative day of any annual session such notice shall not be required, move the House under the item of Unfinished Business to pass the bill or resolution, notwithstanding the objections of the Executive. If the motion shall prevail by a favorable vote of a majority of the members to which the House is entitled under the Constitution, the bill or joint resolution shall then be transmitted to the Senate unless the same was originally received from the Senate subsequent to its prior approval.

Nothing in this rule shall serve to prohibit the filing of subsequent notices to move the House to pass the bill or resolution, notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, if affirmative action is not taken on the motion first noticed.

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**79. MASON'S MANUAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE TO GOVERN.** If any question shall arise which is not provided for in these rules, the same shall be governed by Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure (latest edition existing on date of adoption of these rules), which is hereby adopted.

**80. FLOOR PRESENTATIONS.** Each member shall be allowed two (2) floor presentations during the 113th General Assembly. Presentations are not transferable between members.

**81. ELECTION CONTESTS.** Each election contest in the House of Representatives shall be initiated by complaint timely received within five (5) days after certification of the election and shall proceed with the introduction of a resolution creating an ad hoc committee to be appointed by the Speaker composed of three (3) members of the majority party and three (3) members of the minority party. The Speaker shall designate one (1) member chair. An ad hoc committee may, as part of its findings and recommendations, recommend the award of reasonable costs and attorney fees against a contestant if the committee determines that the contest was maliciously or frivolously prosecuted. All issues raised in an election contest shall be resolved during the General Assembly in which the contest is initiated and no issue shall be heard after such General Assembly adjourns *sine die*. An ad hoc committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations to the full House of Representatives. Upon approval by a majority of the members of the House, such findings and recommendations shall become the final action of the House of Representatives.

**82. ETHICS CODE FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

Article I.  
Findings and Purpose

The House of Representatives finds that it is essential in the conduct of the public business that representatives hold the respect and confidence of the people. Representatives should avoid conduct that even appears to violate the trust that the people have placed in them. To ensure and preserve public confidence, representatives should have the benefit of specific standards to guide their conduct. Article II, Sections 11 and 12, of the Constitution of Tennessee grant to the House of Representatives the power to judge qualifications and discipline its members. It is the purpose of this code to establish standards of conduct for the representatives, to authorize the House Ethics Committee to consider alleged violations of this code, and to authorize the House Ethics Committee to render advisory opinions to the representatives. This code is in addition to and separate from standards of conduct that may be required under state or federal law.

Article II.  
Ethical Standards

SECTION 1.

(a) In order to maintain the integrity and reputation of the House of Representatives, the following conduct is a violation of this Ethics Code:

(1) Actions that destroy a representative's independence of judgment as a legislator;

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(2) Actions that are an abuse of the representative's official position, including, but not limited to, placing undue influence upon any state department, agency, court or governmental subdivision;

(3) Actions that are a personal interest in conflict with the proper discharge of the representative's duties in accordance with the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of this Article;

(4) Actions that are a violation of a state or federal statute that are punished as a felony; and

(5) Any conviction of a state or federal felony or misdemeanor arising out of a representative's official capacity as a member of the general assembly.

(b) Actions that constitute a significant, material violation of Tennessee Code Annotated Title 2, Chapter 10, Title 3, or Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 5 may be a violation of this Ethics Code.

(c) It shall also be a violation of this Ethics Code if a representative:

(1) Initiates or files a complaint or provides information to the House Ethics Committee or the Tennessee Ethics Commission knowing that the material statements in the complaint or the information is false;

(2) Initiates or files a complaint with the House Ethics Committee or the Tennessee Ethics Commission in reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the statements contained in the complaint; or

(3) Initiates or files one or more frivolous complaints with the House Ethics Committee or the Tennessee Ethics Commission.

**SECTION 2.** A representative has a personal interest in conflict with the proper discharge of the representative's duties if the representative has reason to believe or expect that the representative will derive a direct monetary gain or any other advantage or suffer a direct monetary loss by reason of the representative's official activity and such representative has not complied with the provisions of Section 3 of this Article requiring disclosure of such personal interest.

**SECTION 3.** While recognizing that members of the House serve as members of a citizen legislature which reflects a variety of professions and occupations and while also recognizing that some degree of interest in certain legislation is inevitable, a representative shall not vote on or influence legislation if the member has a personal interest which is in conflict with the proper discharge of the representative's duties unless the representative discloses such information to the Tennessee Ethics Commission in accordance with the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-128 and Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 5. Compliance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-128 and Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 5, shall constitute compliance with this Article regarding disclosure of personal interests provided that a disclosure filed with the Tennessee Ethics Commission is amended to disclose a new



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personal interest prior to a member's action on a matter so interested. Compliance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-127(d), shall constitute compliance with this Article regarding disclosure of personal interests resulting from a spouse, sibling or child of the representative who is a registered lobbyist.

Article III.  
Indictments and Convictions

A representative against whom a presentment or indictment for a felony offense has been returned by a state or federal grand jury shall step down from any office as the chair, vice-chair, subcommittee chair, or any other officer of the House, a legislative committee or any leadership position appointed by the Speaker or elected either by the House membership or by a party caucus. The replacement of any committee officer or leader, appointed by the Speaker, who steps down shall be in accordance with the rules. If such officer or leader is not convicted of the felony offense, such officer or leader may return to serve the remainder of the officer's or leader's term of office subject to the decision of the person or entity with authority to appoint or elect them to the position. The membership or the appropriate caucus shall elect a representative to replace any leader elected by the membership or caucus who steps down, except as otherwise provided in these rules.

Article IV.  
House Ethics Committee

SECTION 1.

(a) The House Ethics Committee shall be composed of five (5) representatives of the majority party and five (5) representatives of the minority party. All representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker. The Speaker shall appoint the chair of the committee from such representatives.

(b) The House Ethics Committee shall have authority to render, upon written request of any representative, advisory opinions as to whether the facts and circumstances of a particular case constitute or will constitute a violation or probable violation of this Ethics Code. The identity of any representative requesting an advisory opinion, or any person involved in such request, shall be kept in confidence. With respect to an issue addressed in an advisory opinion, any person who conforms that person's behavior to the requirements of the advisory opinion may rely upon the advisory opinion without threat of sanction by the House Ethics Committee or the House of Representatives. Advisory opinions of the committee shall be in writing and signed by six (6) or more members of the committee.

(c)

(1) The committee shall have authority to receive and consider complaints, based upon personal or constructive knowledge, concerning alleged violations of this House Ethics Code from any representative including members of the committee; to initiate, upon vote of six (6) or more members of the committee, complaints concerning alleged violations of this House Ethics Code; to investigate complaints; to refer complaints to the Tennessee Ethics

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Commission in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-105(c); to hold hearings; to make findings concerning complaints; and to recommend to the House of Representatives appropriate disciplinary action for a violation of this House Ethics Code.

(2) The committee may request the Office of Legal Services, the Comptroller of the Treasury, the Attorney General and Reporter, or any other state entity to assist the committee in investigating any complaint received or initiated by the committee.

(3) Except as provided in Section 1(c)(4)(B) and Section 2(c)(5)(C), all meetings of the House Ethics Committee shall be open to the public. All meetings of the House Ethics Committee held in a meeting room with permanent video technology shall be streamed live, and archived, on the web site of the Tennessee General Assembly.

(4)

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (4)(B), no complaint by a member of the House of Representatives alleging workplace discrimination or harassment shall be received or considered by the committee. The chair, or committee staff, shall inform any member desiring to file such a complaint as to the appropriate procedure under the Tennessee General Assembly Policy on Workplace Discrimination and Harassment. Workplace discrimination and harassment by members of the House of Representatives is unacceptable behavior, contrary to the policy of the Tennessee General Assembly, and discouraged in every form.

(B) In accordance with the Tennessee General Assembly Policy on Workplace Discrimination and Harassment, upon conclusion of the staff investigation under the policy, the complaint will be referred to the Workplace Discrimination and Harassment Subcommittee of the Ethics Committee for additional proceedings consistent with the policy. All meetings of the subcommittee shall be closed. In accordance with the policy, confidentiality of the parties involved shall be maintained to the greatest extent possible. The subcommittee shall be composed of two (2) representatives of the majority party and two (2) representatives of the minority party. All representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker. The Speaker shall appoint the chair of the subcommittee from such representatives. If a member of the subcommittee is the subject of a complaint or is recused, subcommittee staff shall notify the Speaker. The Speaker shall appoint a temporary replacement from the full committee who represents the same political party as the member to be replaced.

(d) The committee shall have authority to subpoena and compel the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and require and compel the production of any documents or other items of evidence relative to any matter under investigation, and to issue show cause orders and attachments of the body. In accordance with the

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provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title, 3, Chapter 3, the House Ethics Committee shall have all the powers granted to committees of this House.

**SECTION 2.**

(a) Complaints shall be in writing, signed by at least two representatives, stating the specific ethical standard under Article II, Section 1 of this code or specific statute alleged to have been violated and all available facts, under oath or affirmation, based on personal or constructive knowledge, which oath or affirmation shall be taken personally before the chair or any member of the House Ethics Committee.

(b) Complaints initiated by the House Ethics Committee shall be reduced to a written complaint by the Chair of the House Ethics Committee, and need not be based on personal knowledge. Any person who believes a violation of this Ethics Code has occurred is encouraged to present such information to any member of the House Ethics Committee who may then determine to file a complaint under this Ethics Code.

(c)

(1) Prior to commencing any action based upon a complaint filed with the committee, the chair shall direct committee staff to examine the complaint to determine procedural compliance with the provisions of this code and whether it states a claim that can be properly heard by the Ethics committee. A complaint not properly received or filed with the committee shall be dismissed without prejudice. Committee staff shall inform any representative desiring to file such a complaint as to the appropriate procedure under this code for filing such a complaint. Complaints merely reciting, or referencing, newspaper or other media accounts of events or occurrences are not sufficient to file a complaint under this code; any complaint based partially on newspaper or other media accounts of events or occurrences should include at least one independent source in addition to such accounts.

(2) Prior to commencing any investigation based upon a complaint filed with, or initiated, by the committee, the committee shall meet and it shall require a vote of six (6) or more members of the committee to proceed with a complaint and to define the nature and scope of the committee's inquiry.

(3) If, after an initial investigation, six (6) or more members of the committee determine that there is reason to believe that a violation of the Ethics Code more probably than not occurred, a copy of the complaint shall be served upon the alleged violator along with a statement of the nature and the scope of the committee's inquiry.

(4) The representative shall have twenty (20) days after service thereof to respond in writing to the complaint, and the chair of the committee, with approval of seven (7) or more members of the committee, may extend the time to respond upon reasonable request.

(5)

(A) The committee shall convene within twenty (20) days of receiving the response from the alleged violator or, if no response is received, the committee shall convene not later than forty-five (45) days after service of the complaint upon the alleged violator. At such time, if six (6) or more members of the committee conclude that more probably than not a violation of the House Ethics Code has occurred, the committee shall set a time and place for a hearing. The complainant and the alleged violator shall be given reasonable notice of the time and place for the hearing. The committee shall provide an opportunity for the complainant and the alleged violator to be heard at the hearing. The alleged violator shall have the right to be represented by counsel and to provide evidence on the alleged violator's behalf, to confront and to cross examine witnesses and to have copies of all documents produced as evidence against them in a reasonable time prior to the hearing. The complainant and the alleged violator may request the committee to subpoena witnesses and require the production of documents or other items of evidence relevant to the proceedings, and to otherwise provide discovery of relevant evidence. Such request must be made at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing date. If a request to issue a subpoena is granted by six (6) or more members of the committee, such subpoena shall be issued in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 3.

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, the alleged violator may waive the hearing on the complaint and submit the matter directly to the judgment of the committee. Any such waiver shall be in writing and include a statement in response to the complaint; provided that such waiver may be included in the response provided pursuant to Section 2(c)(4). However, the committee, in the committee's sole discretion, may determine to hold a hearing on the complaint irrespective of waiver of the hearing by the alleged violator.

(C) All witnesses shall testify under oath and the hearing shall be open to the public; provided, however, that the committee may close all or part of the proceedings on unanimous vote. The committee shall not be bound by the strict rules of evidence, but the committee's findings shall be based upon competent and substantial evidence.

**SECTION 3.** The committee may take the following actions on any complaint:

(1) At any time, the committee may dismiss a complaint if six (6) or more members of the committee find that no violation has occurred, or that no punishment or censure is warranted.

(2) After a hearing, or waiver of a hearing, as provided in Section 2, if six (6) or more members of the committee determine that a violation has been committed, the committee shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives. Such report shall recommend appropriate disciplinary action against

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the representative committing the violation, if any. A decision of the committee finding that a violation has been committed shall be in writing and signed by six (6) or more members of the committee.

(3) At any time, if the committee deadlocks on both a motion to proceed on a complaint and a motion to dismiss a complaint, the chair shall recess the committee and at the next meeting of the committee if no motion is made on the complaint or if no motion prevails on the complaint or if no motion to continue the proceedings on the complaint to a fixed date prevails, the complaint shall be deemed dismissed and no further action on the complaint shall be considered except as provided in subdivision (4) of this section.

(4) Once acted upon, or dismissed pursuant to this section, no complaint alleging the same, or substantially the same, conduct by the same member during the same episode shall be received and considered by the committee unless initiated by the committee.

(5) At any time, if the committee finds that the circumstances warrant, the committee may disclose any documentation, evidence, or findings related to the matter to the Attorney General, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, any District Attorney General, or any other governmental agency or body or professional organization for possible action.

SECTION 4. No member of the committee shall participate in any matter in which such member is accused or in any matter in which such member is determined by seven (7) or more members of the committee to be so involved in the matter as to lack independent judgment. In either case, such member shall be recused as provided in this section. The Speaker shall appoint a representative to replace any member so recused until the proceedings involving the recused member have been concluded. The representative so appointed shall be from the same party as the member replaced. If the recused member is found not to have violated the House Ethics Code by the House Ethics Committee or the House of Representatives, such member shall return to serve on the committee for the remainder of such member's term and the representative appointed to replace the recused member shall cease to be a member of the committee.

**COMMITTEE RULES**

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**83. UNIFORM RULES OF COMMITTEES.**

(1) The Chair, after advising with the vice chair, shall set the calendars for hearings before the standing committee, taking into consideration the necessity and importance of the legislation before the committee. Those bills and resolutions requested by the sponsors to go on the calendars shall first be placed on the calendars, provided that the chair, after advising with the vice chair, shall set the calendar for hearings on a reasonable number of bills or resolutions at each committee meeting. The requests by sponsors for their bills to be heard in the standing

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committees shall be filed with the standing committee as soon as practicable, but not later than three-thirty p.m. (3:30 p.m.) central time on the Wednesday preceding the next regularly scheduled meeting of the standing committee. The chair, after advising with the vice chair, shall have the authority to set on the calendars additional bills or resolutions not requested by the sponsors if, in the opinion of such officers, a reasonable number of measures has not been set for hearing. The standing committee shall electronically transmit the committee calendar (bills to be heard) for its next regularly scheduled meeting as early as practicable but not later than seven o'clock p.m. (7:00 p.m.) central time on the same day. The Clerk's office shall publish these calendars as early as possible on the day following so that the sponsor of each bill or resolution scheduled for hearing shall be notified.

These notice provisions shall not apply to a bill or resolution transmitted by a standing committee to the Committee on Calendar and Rules for recommendation.

(2) No resolution can be considered in a standing committee without a sponsor as reflected in the House Journal. No bill can be considered in a standing committee without a sponsor as reflected in the House Journal and a companion sponsor as reflected in the Senate Journal.

Any bill or resolution may only be calendared for a meeting of a committee three (3) times. Except for time constraints, no sponsor request or committee action shall allow for any bill or resolution to be calendared beyond a third time. All bills and resolutions which have been calendared for three (3) meetings of a committee, and which have not been reported as passed, failed, or postponed indefinitely by such committee, shall be set by the chairman for a hearing on a special calendar to be published with such committee's final calendar of any annual legislative session.

Any bill or resolution set for the special calendar which is not reported out of such committee shall be returned to the desk of the Clerk of the House. After a bill or resolution has been sent back to the Clerk's desk, the sponsor of the legislation may appeal to the Speaker to re-refer the proposed legislation; and the Speaker shall have the discretion as to what action shall be taken. Such appeal must be made prior to the convening of the next annual legislative session.

(3) All bills or resolutions not considered controversial in nature may be placed on the committee consent calendar by the chair, after advising with the vice chair, provided the sponsor does not object. Any member of the standing committee may object to bill or resolution placed on the Committee Consent Calendar, and if objection is raised, the bill or resolution shall be removed from the Committee Consent Calendar and thereafter shall be acted upon by the standing committee.

The Committee Consent Calendar shall be printed and posted in regular places at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the time set for consideration of such calendar so that each member of the House may know the status of the legislation pending before the standing committee.

(4) Standing committees of the House shall meet at the times and places specified in the official committee schedule.

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(5) A standing committee may hold a special committee meeting with approval of the Speaker at a time and place other than that specified in the official schedule of committee meetings. All special meetings, except meetings held when the House is in recess or adjourned, shall be announced in open session by the chair of the committee. Special meetings held on days when the House is in recess or adjourned shall be announced in advance in open session or by written notice furnished to each member of the House not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting time.

(6) If a regular scheduled meeting of a standing committee is canceled, the chair shall announce such cancellation in open session of the House prior to the time fixed for the meeting if possible. If it is not possible for the chair to announce such cancellation in open session, all members of the House shall be given written notice or shall direct the committee staff to make every effort to notify each member of the committee and any other members of the House likely to have business before the committee of such cancellation.

(7) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of a given standing committee.

(8) Every meeting of the House of Representatives, or any joint committee, standing committee, statutory committee, special committee, select committee, oversight committee, ad hoc committee, any other committee or any subcommittee shall be open to the public. Only when considering a matter involving the security of the state or nation or when investigating a proposed Article V impeachment of a public official other than a member of the general assembly, may a meeting be closed to the public, but only if there is an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the members present of the respective committee or House. Adequate public notice of every meeting must be provided. The term "meeting" means at least a quorum of the members of a subcommittee, committee, or the House of Representatives, is present and public business within the jurisdiction of such body is being deliberated and decided.

(9) When a standing committee recommends a bill for passage only with the adoption of an amendment or amendments approved by a majority of those members of the committee present and voting thereon, the committee chair shall cause such committee amendment or amendments to be prepared in proper typewritten form and filed with the Chief Clerk of the House as soon as is practicable. The amendment or amendments should be properly designated as having been recommended in committee and should be signed by the committee chair or the chair's designee before being presented to the Chief Clerk who shall then observe the rules of the House in causing such amendment or amendments to be made available to all members of the House. No committee amendments shall be accepted by the Chief Clerk for filing unless said amendment is labeled with a system entry code assigned by the Office of Legal Services. The Calendar and Rules Committee shall not consider any bill recommended by a standing committee until any amendment or amendments adopted by the standing committee have been attached to the bill. Except as otherwise provided pursuant to Rule 71, the chair shall be responsible for having such amendments delivered within twenty-four (24) hours in typewritten form to the Chief Clerk, who shall attach such amendments to the bill.

(10) No bill or resolution shall be reported from a standing committee unless it shall have received a recommendation for passage as written or for passage with a recommended amendment by a majority of those members of the committee present and voting thereon, a quorum being present. All votes constituting final action on any bill or resolution may be by roll

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call vote or viva voce. A roll call vote shall be taken at the request of the sponsor of the bill or resolution under consideration prior to any vote or at the request of any three (3) members of the committee. Every bill or resolution reported out of the committee shall contain on the cover a notation in ink, signed by the chair, or other presiding officer, recommending the measure for passage as written or recommending it for passage with an amendment or amendments recommended by the committee. If a bill or resolution fails to pass, or is postponed indefinitely, then the same shall not be considered by the committee again during this General Assembly.

(11) A written report of the action taken in reporting bills or resolutions out of committee shall be prepared under the direction of the committee chair and submitted promptly together with the bills and resolutions and committee amendments, if any, to the Chief Clerk of the House.

(12) The Chief Clerk shall be responsible for the safe delivery of bills to any meeting of the committee and for their return following the meeting but may delegate such responsibility to one of the Chief Clerk's Office staff.

(13) A standing committee chair may create such ad hoc subcommittees as the chair considers necessary and appropriate to deal with designated subjects within the scope of the subject jurisdiction of the committee. No ad hoc committee shall have the power to kill a bill. The committee chair shall appoint members to any ad hoc subcommittee so authorized and shall name the chair thereof, however no such subcommittee shall have fewer than five (5) members.

A subcommittee of a standing committee shall have authority to consider only such bills, resolutions, or subjects as may be assigned to it. Such a subcommittee shall report only to the standing committee chair unless directed otherwise by the House. No subcommittee may meet while the standing committee of which it is a part is in session without the consent of the standing committee.

When a bill or resolution is assigned to a subcommittee, the subcommittee chair, the sponsor, the chief clerk, and the director of legislative information services shall be notified electronically of the assignment, of said bill, the date of assignment, and the name of the subcommittee.

The request of the sponsor for a bill or resolution to be heard by a committee or subcommittee shall be filed with the standing committee. The chair of the standing committee shall electronically notify the chair of the subcommittee that the sponsor has requested the bill or resolution to be heard. The chair of said subcommittee shall set and publish the date and the calendar of bills to be heard and shall electronically notify the sponsor of bills or resolutions to be heard, the chief clerk, and the director of the Office of Legislative Information Services.

The chair of the standing committee or the subcommittee shall provide copies of the calendar and electronic notice of bills to be heard to the chief clerk and the director of legislative information services.

An electronic report of the action taken by a subcommittee on each bill or resolution which it considers shall be prepared by the chair of said subcommittee and submitted to the chair of the standing committee, the chief clerk, and the director of the Office of Legislative Information Services.



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When a bill or resolution is reported from a subcommittee, said bill or resolution shall be placed by the chair of the standing committee on the calendar of the next scheduled meeting of the standing committee unless the sponsor of said bill or resolution requests in writing that the chair of the standing committee set another hearing date.

No bill may be recalled from a subcommittee.

(14) A motion to reconsider committee action shall be determined by a majority of the committee members entitled to vote at a meeting of the committee. It shall be treated as a simple motion to reconsider, and its effect shall be the same.

(15) No proxy votes shall be permitted in a standing committee for any purpose.

(16) If a member of a standing committee will be unable to attend said meeting, that member shall request an excused absence from the chair. If any appointed member of a standing committee is absent from two (2) regularly scheduled meetings of the committee without being excused by the chair, the chair shall report such absences to the Speaker of the House.

(17) In the absence of a quorum, the chair or other presiding officer shall have authority to direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to secure the presence of a sufficient number of members to constitute a quorum.

(18) In the absence of any express designation or appointment of any officers of a joint committee or joint subcommittee, the members thereof shall elect a chair and such other officers as are considered necessary by the committee.

(19) All committee minutes shall reflect attendance of members. Members shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the law governing payment of per diem allowance to members of the General Assembly. The chair of each standing committee is charged with the duty and responsibility of providing and certifying to the Speaker the roll call vote of such committee and a listing of those sponsors appearing before the committee seeking action on their bills or resolutions.

(20) Except as stated in the foregoing rules, the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives shall apply. Other special rules shall not be adopted by committees.

**84. CHIEF COUNSEL.** There may be a Chief Counsel of the House Representatives who shall be appointed by the Speaker. The duties of the Chief Counsel may include providing legislative counsel to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Chief Counsel must be a graduate of an accredited law school, licensed to practice law in the state of Tennessee, and have 5 or more years of experience in the field of legislative law. The Chief Counsel must be appointed by the Speaker without reference to party affiliation but solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the office. Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-12-106 shall apply to the Chief Counsel when serving as legislative counsel to the Speaker.

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**85. FORMATION OF CAUCUSES.** No caucus, other than those representing parties that appeared on the ballot during the last general election, may be formed without the unanimous approval of the Speaker, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader.

**ADOPTION OF PERMANENT RULES**

Rep. Lamberth moved that the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly adopt the Report of the Select Committee on Rules as The Permanent Rules of Order of the Tennessee House of Representatives.

**EXCUSED**

The Speaker announced that the following member has been excused, pursuant to request under **Rule No. 20**:

Representative Love

**ADOPTION OF PERMANENT RULES, CONTINUED**

Rep. Vaughan moved the previous question, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamberth moved that the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly adopt the Report of the Select Committee on Rules as The Permanent Rules of Order of the Tennessee House of Representatives, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes ..... 77  
Noes..... 17

Representatives voting aye were: Alexander, Barrett, Baum, Boyd, Bricken, Bulso, Burkhart, Butler, Campbell S, Capley, Carr, Carringer, Cepicky, Cochran, Crawford, Darby, Davis, Doggett, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Fritts, Garrett, Gillespie, Grills, Hale, Haston, Hawk, Hazlewood, Helton-Haynes, Hemmer, Hicks G, Hicks T, Holsclaw, Howell, Hulsey, Hurt, Jernigan, Johnson C, Keisling, Kumar, Lafferty, Lamberth, Leatherwood, Littleton, Lynn, Marsh, Martin B, Martin G, McCalmon, Miller, Moody, Moon, Powers, Ragan, Raper, Reedy, Richey, Rudd, Rudder, Russell, Shaw, Sherrell, Sparks, Stevens, Terry, Thompson, Todd, Travis, Vaughan, Vital, Warner, White, Whitson, Wright, Zachary, Mr. Speaker Sexton--77

Representatives voting no were: Beck, Camper, Chism, Clemmons, Dixie, Freeman, Glynn, Hakeem, Hardaway, Harris, Johnson G, Jones, McKenzie, Mitchell, Parkinson, Powell, Towns--17

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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**\*House Joint Resolution No. 28** -- Memorials, Retirement - Paul Vasterling, Nashville Ballet Artistic Director. by \*Clemmons.

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 29** -- Death - Steven Jeffrey Eisen. by \*Clemmons.

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 30** -- Memorials, Retirement - Bettie Kirkland. by \*Clemmons.

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 31** -- Memorials, Sports - Tyner Academy Rams football team, Division I, Class 2A State Championship. by \*Vital, \*Martin G, \*Hakeem, \*Helton-Haynes, \*Hazlewood.

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 32** -- Memorials, Recognition - Citizens Bank of Blount County, 50th anniversary. by \*Russell, \*Moon, \*Richey.

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 33** -- Memorials, Sports - Tony Pollard, named to the 2023 NFL Pro Bowl. by \*Camper, \*Chism, \*Gillespie, \*Hardaway, \*Harris, \*Leatherwood, \*Miller, \*Parkinson, \*Thompson, \*Towns, \*Vaughan, \*White.

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 34** -- Memorials, Personal Occasion - Essie Pope Patterson, 90th birthday. by \*Camper.

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 36** -- Memorials, Recognition - "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month" in Tennessee, March 2023. by \*Howell, \*Raper, \*Clemmons.

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 37** -- Memorials, Personal Achievement - Justin Hargrove, Tennessee Farm Bureau Discussion Meet. by \*Reedy.

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 39** -- Memorials, Death - Winifred M. Breegle. by \*Capley, \*Todd.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 5** -- Memorials, Sports - Brinley Murphy, Gatorade Player of the Year for Girls Soccer. by \*Massey, \*McNally.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 6** -- Memorials, Sports - Bearden High School girls' soccer team, TSSAA Division I, Class AAA state champions. by \*Massey, \*McNally.

**\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 7** -- Memorials, Sports - West High School football team, TSSAA Division I, Class 5A state champions. by \*Massey, \*McNally.

Rep. Davis moved that the Knox County delegation be added as co-prime sponsors on Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 5, 6 and 7, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Camper moved that the Shelby County delegation be added as co-prime sponsors on House Joint Resolution No. 33, which motion prevailed.

Pursuant to **Rule No. 50**, Rep. Zachary moved that all House Bills having companion Senate Bills and are on the Clerk's desk be conformed and substituted for the appropriate House Bill, all Senate Joint Resolutions confirming appointments on the Clerk's desk be substituted for House Joint Resolutions confirming the same appointments, all Senate and

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House Bills on the Consent Calendar be passed on third and final consideration, all House Resolutions and House Joint Resolutions be adopted, and all Senate Joint Resolutions on the Consent Calendar be concurred in, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes ..... 95  
Noes..... 0

Representatives voting aye were: Alexander, Barrett, Baum, Beck, Boyd, Bricken, Bulso, Burkhart, Butler, Campbell, Camper, Capley, Carr, Carringer, Cepicky, Chism, Clemmons, Cochran, Crawford, Darby, Davis, Dixie, Doggett, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Freeman, Fritts, Garrett, Gillespie, Glynn, Grills, Hakeem, Hale, Hardaway, Harris, Haston, Hawk, Hazlewood, Helton-Haynes, Hemmer, Hicks G, Hicks T, Holsclaw, Howell, Hulse, Hurt, Jernigan, Johnson C, Johnson G, Jones, Keisling, Kumar, Lafferty, Lamberth, Leatherwood, Littleton, Lynn, Marsh, Martin B, Martin G, McCalmon, McKenzie, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Moon, Parkinson, Powell, Powers, Ragan, Raper, Reedy, Richey, Rudd, Rudder, Russell, Shaw, Sherrell, Slater, Sparks, Stevens, Terry, Thompson, Todd, Towns, Travis, Vaughan, Vital, Warner, White, Whitson, Wright, Zachary, Mr. Speaker Sexton--95

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**BILLS WITHDRAWN**

On motion of Rep. Hale, **House Bill No. 51** was recalled from the Health Committee and withdrawn from the House.

On motion of Rep. Lamberth, **House Joint Resolution No. 24** was withdrawn from the House.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated 3-7-101, the election of the Fiscal Review Committee is required during the Organizational Session.

Speaker Sexton opened the floor for nominations.

Representative Faison nominated Representatives Bricken, Darby, T. Hicks, Howell, and Littleton of the Republican Party; the nominations were properly seconded.

Representative Clemmons nominated Representatives Shaw and Thompson of the Democratic Party; the nominations were properly seconded.

Representative Lamberth moved that the nominations cease, which motion prevailed.

Speaker Sexton directed the Clerk to take the roll as follows:

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Ayes ..... 95  
Noes ..... 0

Representatives voting aye were: Alexander, Barrett, Baum, Beck, Boyd, Bricken, Bulso, Burkhart, Butler, Campbell, Camper, Capley, Carr, Carringer, Cepicky, Chism, Clemmons, Cochran, Crawford, Darby, Davis, Dixie, Doggett, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Freeman, Fritts, Garrett, Gillespie, Glynn, Grills, Hakeem, Hale, Hardaway, Harris, Haston, Hawk, Hazlewood, Helton-Haynes, Hemmer, Hicks G, Hicks T, Holsclaw, Howell, Hulsey, Hurt, Jernigan, Johnson C, Johnson G, Jones, Keisling, Kumar, Lafferty, Lamberth, Leatherwood, Littleton, Lynn, Marsh, Martin B, Martin G, McCalmon, McKenzie, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Moon, Parkinson, Powell, Powers, Ragan, Raper, Reedy, Richey, Rudd, Rudder, Russell, Shaw, Sherrell, Slater, Sparks, Stevens, Terry, Thompson, Todd, Towns, Travis, Vaughan, Vital, Warner, White, Whitson, Wright, Zachary, Mr. Speaker Sexton -- 95

Speaker Sexton declared the members of the Fiscal Review Committee duly, legally and constitutionally elected.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SPEAKER**

The Speaker appointed Rep. C. Johnson as Deputy Speaker.

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Standing Committees of the House as follows:

**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES:** Chris Todd—Chairman, Tandy Darby—Vice Chairman, Monty Fritts, Rusty Grills, G.A. Hardaway, Torrey Harris, Bud Hulsey, Chris Hurt, Justin Jones, Pat Marsh, Brock Martin, Jay Reedy, Bryan Richey, Johnny Shaw, Ron Travis, Greg Vital, Dave Wright.

**CIVIL JUSTICE:** Andrew Farmer—Chairman, Darren Jernigan—Vice Chairman, Bill Beck, Rush Bricken, Gino Bulso, Kip Capley, Rick Eldridge, Ron Gant, Johnny Garrett, Rusty Grills, Torrey Harris, William Lamberth, Mary Littleton, Antonio Parkinson, Jason Powell, Lowell Russell, Robert Stevens, Chris Todd.

**COMMERCE:** Kevin Vaughan—Chairman, Rush Bricken—Vice Chairman, Rebecca Alexander, Jody Barrett, Clark Boyd, Jeff Burkhart, Karen Camper, John Ray Clemmons, Jeremy Faison, Bob Freeman, Johnny Garrett, Michael Hale, G.A. Hardaway, Kirk Haston, Patsy Hazlewood, John Holsclaw, Curtis Johnson, Susan Lynn, Pat Marsh, Jerome Moon, Dennis Powers, Mike Sparks, Dwayne Thompson, Joe Towns, Greg Vital, Ryan Williams, Jason Zachary.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE:** Bud Hulsey—Chairman, John Gillespie—Vice Chairman, Scotty Campbell, Michele Carringer, Elaine Davis, Clay Doggett, Andrew Farmer, Monty Fritts, Ronnie Glynn, G.A. Hardaway, Dan Howell, Gloria Johnson, William Lamberth, Debra Moody, Lowell Russell, Paul Sherrell, Joe Towns.

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**EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION:** Mark White—Chairman, William Slater—Vice Chairman, Charlie Baum, Gino Bulso, Ed Butler, Monty Fritts, Ron Gant, John Gillespie, Kirk Haston, Chris Hurt, Justin Jones, Justin Lafferty, Harold Love, Sam McKenzie, Antonio Parkinson, John Ragan, Bryan Richey, Robert Stevens, Todd Warner.

**EDUCATION INSTRUCTION:** Debra Moody—Chairman, Kevin Raper—Vice Chairman, Scott Cepicky, Jesse Chism, Mark Cochran, Tandy Darby, Vincent Dixie, Ronnie Glynn, Yusuf Hakeem, Tim Hicks, Gloria Johnson, Tom Leatherwood, Jake McCalmon, John Ragan, Chris Todd, Todd Warner, Mark White.

**FINANCE:** Patsy Hazlewood—Chairman, Charlie Baum—Vice Chairman, Jody Barrett, Clark Boyd, Scotty Campbell, Karen Camper, Mark Cochran, John Crawford, Jeremy Faison, Bob Freeman, Ron Gant, Johnny Garrett, David Hawk, Gary Hicks, Kelly Keisling, William Lamberth, Harold Love, Susan Lynn, Sam McKenzie, Larry Miller, Jerome Moon, Antonio Parkinson, Johnny Shaw, Mike Sparks, Sam Whitson, Ryan Williams, Jason Zachary.

**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:** John Ragan—Chairman, Jay Reedy—Vice Chairman, Gino Bulso, Karen Camper, Dale Carr, Jesse Chism, John Ray Clemmons, John Crawford, Rick Eldridge, Jeremy Faison, Yusuf Hakeem, Caleb Hemmer, Justin Jones, Kelly Keisling, Sabi Kumar, Justin Lafferty, William Lamberth, Mary Littleton, Pat Marsh, Greg Martin, Jake McCalmon.

**HEALTH:** Bryan Terry—Chairman, Tom Leatherwood—Vice Chairman, Clark Boyd, Michele Carringer, John Ray Clemmons, Jeremy Faison, Andrew Farmer, John Gillespie, Yusuf Hakeem, David Hawk, Esther Helton-Haynes, Caleb Hemmer, Gary Hicks, Tim Hicks, Darren Jernigan, Sabi Kumar, Brock Martin, Bo Mitchell, Iris Rudder, Paul Sherrell, Ron Travis, Kevin Vaughan, Sam Whitson, Ryan Williams.

**INSURANCE:** Sabi Kumar—Chairman, Brock Martin—Vice Chairman, Kip Capley, Scott Cepicky, Elaine Davis, Bob Freeman, Esther Helton-Haynes, Caleb Hemmer, Gary Hicks, Curtis Johnson, Gloria Johnson, Justin Lafferty, Bo Mitchell, Bryan Richey, Tim Rudd, Iris Rudder, Mike Sparks, Bryan Terry, Dwayne Thompson.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** John Crawford—Chairman, Dave Wright—Vice Chairman, Rebecca Alexander, Jeff Burkhart, Dale Carr, John Ray Clemmons, Clay Doggett, Michael Hale, Esther Helton-Haynes, John Holsclaw, Harold Love, Greg Martin, Sam McKenzie, Larry Miller, Jerome Moon, Kevin Raper, Jay Reedy, Tim Rudd, Johnny Shaw, William Slater, Robert Stevens.

**STATE GOVERNMENT:** Kelly Keisling—Chairman, Rick Eldridge—Vice Chairman, Rebecca Alexander, Bill Beck, Rush Bricken, Ed Butler, Michele Carringer, Jesse Chism, Vincent Dixie, Kirk Haston, John Holsclaw, Chris Hurt, Darren Jernigan, Curtis Johnson, Tom Leatherwood, Mary Littleton, Jake McCalmon, Larry Miller, Jason Powell, Dennis Powers, Iris Rudder, Bryan Terry.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Dan Howell—Chairman, Greg Vital—Vice Chairman, Bill Beck, Jeff Burkhart, Ed Butler, Scotty Campbell, Karen Camper, Dale Carr, Mark Cochran, Tandy Darby,

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**CALENDAR AND RULES:** Jason Zachary—Chairman, Tim Hicks—Vice Chairman, Karen Camper, John Ray Clemmons, John Crawford, Tandy Darby, Elaine Davis, Jeremy Faison, Andrew Farmer, Patsy Hazlewood, Dan Howell, Bud Hulsey, Kelly Keisling, Sabi Kumar, William Lamberth, Pat Marsh, Debra Moody, John Ragan, Cameron Sexton, Bryan Terry, Dwayne Thompson, Chris Todd, Joe Towns, Kevin Vaughan, Mark White.

**ETHICS:** Curtis Johnson – Chairman, Bill Beck, Karen Camper, Bob Freeman, William Lamberth, Pat Marsh, Sam McKenzie, Jason Powell, Lowell Russell, Sam Whitson.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON RULES:** William Lamberth – Chairman, Karen Camper, Tandy Darby, Jeremy Faison, Andrew Farmer, Rusty Grills, Gary Hicks, Darren Jernigan, Curtis Johnson, Johnny Shaw, Sam Whitson.

### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions, previously introduced and held on the Clerk's desk pending appointment of the standing committees were referred to the appropriate committee as follows:

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 5** -- Constitutional Conventions - Makes application to Congress for the purpose of calling an Article V convention to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the Congress of the United States. by \*Todd.

House State Government Committee

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 13** -- Constitutional Amendments - Proposes an amendment to Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee to change the date of elections for judicial and other civil officers from the first Thursday in August to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. by \*Lamberth.

House Local Government Committee

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 17** -- Memorials, Government Officials - Urges the U.S. Department of the Interior to fund the Great Smoky Mountains National Park based on the number of visitors in addition to current funding. by \*Carr.

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House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 19** -- Memorials, Congress - Urges Congress to permit states to make child abuse registries public. by \*Littleton.

House Criminal Justice Committee

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 23** -- Naming and Designating - Designates Pumpkin Pie as a symbol of the State of Tennessee. by \*Russell.

House State Government Committee

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 27** -- General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position - Expresses strong support for completion of the southern border wall and urges Congress to immediately take action to fund the construction. by \*Stevens.

House State Government Committee

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 35** -- Constitutional Amendments - Proposes amendment to establish a term limit of 16 years for all state and local public officials. by \*Richey.

House State Government Committee

**\*House Joint Resolution No. 38** -- Constitutional Amendments - Proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 26 of the Constitution of Tennessee to remove the provision that authorizes the legislature to regulate the wearing of arms with a view to prevent crime and to clarify that citizens have a right to keep and bear arms for their defense, and not just for common defense. by \*Reedy.

House Civil Justice Committee

**BILLS REFERRED**

The following items held on the Clerk's desk pending appointment of the standing committees were referred to the appropriate committee as follows:

**\*House Bill No. 1** -- Public Health -- House Health Committee

**\*House Bill No. 2** -- Public Health -- House Civil Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 3** -- Criminal Offenses -- House Criminal Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 4** -- Labor -- House State Government Committee



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**\*House Bill No. 5** -- Criminal Offenses -- House Criminal Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 6** -- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration -- House Transportation Committee

**\*House Bill No. 7** -- Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) -- House Education Administration Committee

**\*House Bill No. 8** -- Pensions and Retirement Benefits -- House State Government Committee

**House Bill No. 9** -- Obscenity and Pornography -- House Criminal Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 10** -- Abortion -- House Health Committee

**\*House Bill No. 11** -- Children's Services, Dept. of -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

**\*House Bill No. 12** -- Taxes, Privilege -- House Local Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 13** -- Pensions and Retirement Benefits -- House State Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 14** -- House of Representatives -- House State Government Committee

**House Bill No. 15** -- Criminal Offenses -- House Criminal Justice Committee

**House Bill No. 17** -- Holidays and Days of Special Observance -- House State Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 18** -- Water Pollution -- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

**\*House Bill No. 19** -- Fiduciaries -- House Civil Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 20** -- Bail, Bail Bonds -- House Criminal Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 21** -- Economic and Community Development, Dept. of -- House Commerce Committee

**House Bill No. 22** -- Juvenile Offenders -- House Criminal Justice Committee

**House Bill No. 23** -- Open Meetings -- House State Government Committee

**House Bill No. 24** -- Tennessee Bureau of Investigation -- House Criminal Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 25** -- Motor Vehicles -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

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**House Bill No. 26** -- Fines and Penalties -- House Civil Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 27** -- Scholarships and Financial Aid -- House Education Administration Committee

**\*House Bill No. 28** -- Annexation -- House Local Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 29** -- Education, Higher – House Education Instruction Committee

**\*House Bill No. 30** -- Local Government, General -- House Local Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 31** -- Sentencing -- House Criminal Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 32** -- Food and Food Products – House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

**\*House Bill No. 33** -- Assessors -- House Local Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 34** -- Landlord and Tenant -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

**\*House Bill No. 35** -- Real Property -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

**\*House Bill No. 36** -- Schools, Charter -- House Education Administration Committee

**\*House Bill No. 37** -- Firearms and Ammunition – House Civil Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 38** -- Attorney General and Reporter -- House State Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 39** -- Civil Procedure -- House Civil Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 40** -- Real Property -- House Local Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 41** -- Local Education Agencies -- House Civil Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 42** -- Traffic Safety -- House Transportation Committee

**\*House Bill No. 43** -- Judges and Chancellors -- House Civil Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 44** -- Alcoholic Beverages -- House State Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 45** -- Damages -- House Civil Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 46** -- Sexual Offenders -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

**\*House Bill No. 47** -- State Symbols -- House State Government Committee

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**\*House Bill No. 48** -- Local Government, General -- House Local Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 49** -- Taxes -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

**\*House Bill No. 50** -- Statutes and Codification – House Civil Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 51** -- Anatomical Gifts -- House Health Committee

**\*House Bill No. 52** -- Surveyors -- House Commerce Committee

**\*House Bill No. 53** -- Fairs -- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

**\*House Bill No. 54** -- Commerce and Insurance, Dept. of -- House Commerce Committee

**\*House Bill No. 55** -- Health Care -- House Insurance Committee

**\*House Bill No. 56** -- Law Enforcement -- House State Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 57** -- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies -- House Insurance Committee

**\*House Bill No. 58** -- Correction, Dept. of -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

**\*House Bill No. 59** -- Criminal Offenses -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

**\*House Bill No. 60** -- Sentencing -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

**\*House Bill No. 61** -- Correction, Dept. of -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

**\*House Bill No. 62** -- Children's Services, Dept. of -- House Civil Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 63** -- Children -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

**\*House Bill No. 64** -- Human Services, Dept. of -- House Health Committee

**\*House Bill No. 65** -- Human Services, Dept. of -- House Civil Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 66** -- Health Care -- House Health Committee

**\*House Bill No. 67** -- Hospitals and Health Care Facilities -- House Health Committee

**\*House Bill No. 68** -- Local Education Agencies – House Education Administration Committee

**\*House Bill No. 69** -- Education -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

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**\*House Bill No. 70** -- Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

**\*House Bill No. 71** -- Public Contracts -- House State Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 72** -- Public Records -- House State Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 73** -- Labor and Workforce Development, Dept. of -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

**\*House Bill No. 74** -- Education -- House Education Administration Committee

**\*House Bill No. 75** -- Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation -- House Criminal Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 76** -- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration -- House Transportation Committee

**\*House Bill No. 77** -- DUI Offenses -- House Criminal Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 78** -- Driver Licenses -- House Transportation Committee

**\*House Bill No. 79** -- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

**\*House Bill No. 80** -- Water Pollution -- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

**\*House Bill No. 81** -- Environment and Conservation, Department of -- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

**\*House Bill No. 82** -- Workers Compensation -- House Commerce Committee

**\*House Bill No. 83** -- Ashland City -- House Local Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 84** -- Salaries and Benefits -- House Local Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 85** -- Controlled Substances -- House Criminal Justice Committee

**\*House Bill No. 86** -- Regional Authorities and Special Districts -- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

**\*House Bill No. 87** -- Traffic Safety -- Caption Bill Held on House Desk

**\*House Bill No. 88** -- Driver Licenses -- House Transportation Committee

**\*House Bill No. 89** -- Alcoholic Beverages -- House State Government Committee

**\*House Bill No. 90** -- Local Government, General -- House Local Government Committee

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**\*House Bill No. 91** -- Children's Services, Dept. of -- House Civil Justice Committee

**SPONSORS ADDED**

Under **Rule No. 43**, the following members were permitted to add their names as sponsors as indicated below, the prime sponsor of each having agreed to such addition:

**House Bill No. 1** Reps. Hawk and Bricken as prime sponsors.

**House Bill No. 7** Rep. Moody as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 27** Reps. Cepicky, Moon, Garrett and Carr as prime sponsors.

**House Bill No. 28** Reps. Moon, Garrett, Carr, Cochran, Bricken, T. Hicks and Alexander as prime sponsors.

**House Bill No. 36** Rep. White as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 48** Reps. Moon, Cepicky, Littleton, Bricken and Richey as prime sponsors.

**House Bill No. 116** Reps. Carringer, Hakeem, Hale, Sparks, Keisling, Jernigan, Littleton, Capley, Bricken, Davis, Hulsey, Garrett, Terry and Doggett as prime sponsors.

**ENGROSSED BILLS  
January 12, 2023**

MR. SPEAKER: The following bills have been examined, engrossed and are ready for transmission to the Senate: House Joint Resolutions Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37 and 39;

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call was taken with the following results:

Present..... 95

Representatives present were Alexander, Barrett, Baum, Beck, Boyd, Bricken, Bulso, Burkhart, Butler, Campbell S, Camper, Capley, Carr, Carringer, Cepicky, Chism, Clemmons, Cochran, Crawford, Darby, Davis, Dixie, Doggett, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Freeman, Fritts,

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Garrett, Gillespie, Glynn, Grills, Hakeem, Hale, Hardaway, Harris, Haston, Hawk, Hazlewood, Helton-Haynes, Hemmer, Hicks G, Hicks T, Holsclaw, Howell, Hulsey, Hurt, Jernigan, Johnson C, Johnson G, Jones, Keisling, Kumar, Lafferty, Lamberth, Leatherwood, Littleton, Lynn, Marsh, Martin B, Martin G, McCalmon, McKenzie, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Moon, Parkinson, Powell, Powers, Ragan, Raper, Reedy, Richey, Rudd, Rudder, Russell, Shaw, Sherrell, Slater, Sparks, Stevens, Terry, Thompson, Todd, Towns, Travis, Vaughan, Vital, Warner, White, Whitson, Wright, Zachary, Mr. Speaker Sexton -- 95

**RECESS**

On motion of Rep. Cochran, the House stood in recess until 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2023.